

## SCOTT COUNTY MAN IS BURNED

Salcedo, Mo., April 2.—Hez Ozment, one of the best known farmers of Scott County, was seriously burned Tuesday morning when a can of gasoline with which he and his son were starting a gasoline pumping engine, exploded. Ozment had adjusted the carburetor of the engine and had placed a small can of gasoline under it when a back-fire occurred, igniting the "gas."

Young Ozment, in attempting to hurl the can out of the pump-house, threw the blazing gasoline on his father, igniting his clothes and inflicting serious burns.

Ozment's presence of mind is the only thing that saved his life, it is said. As soon as he realized his danger, the farmer jumped over a fence into a big water trough which was fortunately full of water. Physicians say that, although his condition is serious, unless complications appear, he will recover. The son, Donald Ozment, was also painfully burned on the hands and legs.

## STATE SENATOR SEEKS NEW ADDING MACHINE CASE DELAY

Jefferson City, April 2.—Attorneys for State Senator Tillman W. Anderson of Commerce, Mo., who is charged with the theft of an adding machine from the State Capitol during the last session of the Legislature, have notified the Attorney-General they will seek another postponement of the trial, scheduled for April 7, at Linn, Osage County, because of the illness of A. T. Dumm of Jefferson City, one of the defense attorneys.

Attorney-General Barrett has indicated that the State is not favorable to another delay.

The charges against Senator Anderson were brought in April, 1923, following investigation of the disappearance of typewriters, desk lamps and other property from the Capitol, at the adjournment of the Legislature. The investigators reported today they found an adding machine and a typewriter identified as State property at Anderson's home in Commerce. Anderson said he borrowed the property. Similar informations were filed against Representative Allen D. Morrison and his clerk, Nile Davidson, both of Green City, Sullivan County, charging them with the theft of two typewriters. At their preliminary hearing at Milan, last Tuesday, a Justice of the Peace dismissed the charges on the ground the State failed to prove the typewriters ever had been in the county. State officers said Morrison admitted having the typewriters but asserted he borrowed them.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Swanagon, of Brinkley, Ark., and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Swanagon of Kennett, who attended the funeral of their grandmother, Mrs. Stallion, returned to their respective homes, Tuesday.

No one was hurt in the automobile accident which occurred Tuesday afternoon at the corner of Malone avenue and Scott street, though both cars were badly damaged. The Ford coupe belonged to L. C. Davey, and was driven by Mrs. Nelson. The Ford touring car belonged to Lon Buckles and was driven by Paul Gentles. An investigation is being made to see which party was the cause of the accident. A hearing will be held on Monday, April 7th, at the City Hall.

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**\$3.95**

**Saturday, April 5th**

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## SAYS MIDKIFF KILLED GREEN

Benton, April 2.—Frank Midkiff killed John Green with a blow on the head with a hammer, and then set fire to the house to cover up the crime, Walter Houck, who said he was one of Midkiff's companions, told a jury in circuit court today, hearing the testimony in Midkiff's trial for the murder of the prosperous negro, north of Jackson, two years ago.

"Midkiff hit Green with the hammer and then John Biddy took the money, which was in three pocket-books, out of his pocket," the witness testified. "After Midkiff set fire to the house we went away and divided the money."

Houck, who is a farm hand, said that he and Midkiff were accompanied by John Biddy, Delbert Midkiff and Wilson White, a negro, and that Midkiff asked him to go along to "get some easy money."

Such Is Fame!

Name three story writers, now dead, who were famous ten years ago. Well, then, name three high-brow men of letters who were in their glory ten years ago and now are dead. Name the gentlemen who flew across the Atlantic. If that is too much, name those who now are attempting a fight around the world. Name six former Congressmen who have been out of office six years. Name twenty Senators who are on the job now. Name the members of the Cabinet and give their initials. No? Well, well; it is a cruel world for celebrities. The newspapers made it that way. The newspapers, having assumed an obligation to discover interesting news in the four corners of the earth and tell home folk about it, cannot loaf on the job and keep the pot boiling. Gathering fresh news means the making of fresh headlines, and fresh headlines mean new celebrities. Each celebrity in turn occupies the spotlight for a day or a week, and is thrust aside by another. \* \* \* The old-timers who occupy a place in history were not supermen. Some of them were mediocrities. But they had little competition, and the things they did moderately well caused great astonishment. The ancient who wrote a poem or painted a picture or made a speech awake to find himself famous; but now everybody is writing or painting pictures or making speeches. And each must hire a press agent to attract the world's attention.—Baltimore Sun.

Mrs. Carl Wesafill of Kennett, who has been the guest of her mother, Mrs. Swanagon, returned home Wednesday.

Green Lescher reports he is doing good in the paper business. He has been delivering the papers here for the past ten months. Sunday, March 30th, he drew 1012 papers and sold 985 of them. On Tuesday, April 1, he drew 905 and sold 900.

Sikeston's school enrollment for the year has reached 1400, as compared with 1000 heretofore; the largest month being 1150; instead of 905 as formerly. The largest average daily attendance was 996 in February, as against a previous record of 835. Half the increase is colored and half of that non-resident. This increase has been taken care of by building a negro school, employing one extra teacher, and crowding several more rooms. A few more teachers will be needed next year.

## LEAGUE TO CONTROL GERMAN ARMAMENTS

Geneva, April 2.—Commenting upon Germany's request that the Allied military control in Germany be transferred to the council of the League of Nations, officials of the disarmament section of the League said today that the eventual control of German armaments by the council is authorized by article 213 of the Treaty of Versailles.

This supervision by the council, however, is to begin when Germany has fulfilled her engagements concerning armament reduction, they declared.

Apparently just who should decide whether Germany has lived up to her agreement remains a debatable point and one which, in the opinion of some military experts here, might well be submitted to the permanent court of international justice.

Sidney Schilling and Miss Lydia Mangrum of Gideon motored to Sikeston Sunday and spent a few hours with friends.

Perhaps the rumor of earthquake shocks on Tuesday night were but the sickening thud caused by the political hopes being kicked from under certain candidates on that day!

We do not know what the grand jury will do about the big crap game pulled off a couple of Sundays ago in a house at the south edge of the city, but we have heard that the fur may fly when their report is made public. It is said that more than a dozen boys and men were present while the game was in progress and one of the men not being satisfied with the way the bones were rolling pulled a gun and held up the game. There was a scattering of folks, one going out through the window taking glass and sash with him, another started to retire when the man back of the gun fired, another boy fainted when the gun went off and was carried to a car and taken away. It was some game and very funny to talk about until the sheriff served papers to appear before the grand jury and tell them how funny it was. And some of them were just boys.

Mrs. Ernest Swanner is reported to be some better at this writing.

Mrs. R. A. Moll and children, of Tamms, Ill., who are visiting in this city, spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Birch Moll, west of town.

Attorney R. E. Bailey, A. F. Lindsay, T. C. Dye, Lee Bowman and Mrs. C. M. Smith attended the Republican Convention at Poplar Bluff Tuesday.

The Electric Maid will be open for business Saturday morning. It is equipped with a 3-door electric bake oven and all other modern improvements which makes it one of the most sanitary and up-to-date bakeries in Southeast Missouri.

Lilbourn (Doc) Greer died at his home, one mile north of Salcedo on Monday morning, after an illness of several weeks. Funeral services were held Tuesday at the residence at 1:30 by Rev. F. E. Jones. Interment in Brazil Cemetery.

The home of Lacy Allard, on North Kingshighway, was broken into on Monday evening about 8:45 while the family was away from home. Two suits of clothes and a rain coat, belonging to Mr. Allard, were taken and a few other small articles. The sparks falling on the roof. Before by cutting the screen from the kitchen door. The police was notified at once, but no trace of the robbers have been found.

Just up the street from the office lies T. H. League who is sick night onto death. He has been almost an invalid since early in life, but has lead a long and useful life, full of good deeds and advice to young people for he has been an educator of repute for most half a century. Saturday evening he seemed to be in fair condition then without the least warning came a stroke of paralysis that bereft him of speech and left his splendid face drawn and disfigured. Wednesday evening he seemed slightly improved, could recognize the family and friends, though could not utter a word. The editor visited his bedside and, while not greeted with words, his eyes and his kindly smile showed that he was glad to see us. Within his stricken body lies a noble soul that has nothing to fear when the sands of time runs through the hour glass of life.

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Special Music

Lecture by Rev. T. B. Mather

Judge Kelley will lecture Sunday  
morning, April 13

Notice of Thanks

It take this opportunity to sincerely thank my loyal friends, who so gratefully supported and voted for me in our recent city election. I also wish my opponent success.—J. E. Smith, Sr.

Mrs. Estelle de Cant is still improving.

GIRL WANTED.—At Elektrik Maid Bake Shop.

Attorney R. E. Bailey spent Monday at Bloomfield.

Carl Oliver of Charleston was in Sikeston, Thursday.

Miss Clara Muller returned from St. Louis Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Joe Howlett and Mrs. W. T. Marshall of Charleston were the Thursday guests of Mrs. Moore Greer.

Will be in Sikeston on SATURDAY, APRIL 5th to meet prospective buyers for two new bungalows with brick piers in block 9 of Shoe Factory Addition. See us at these houses between 10:00 a. m. and 4:00 p. m. for prices and terms.

WYLLIE & PACKWOOD

O. W. McCutchen has purchased a new Buick touring car.

FOR RENT—5-rooms, hall and bath. Apply to Jno N. Chaney.

FOR SALE—Piano, cheap, if taken at once. For information phone 547.

EGGS.—Barred Rocks, 15 eggs, 50c. No better laying strain.—P. H. Gross 402 Gladys Street. 3 w. p.

FOR SALE—One-ton Ford truck, express body with top.—H. A. McCoy, 112 South Scott street.

THURSDAY, APRIL 3rd's MARKET REPORT

Courtesy Toof & Toof

NEW YORK  
Cotton Close  
May .....29.55  
July .....28.45  
October .....24.92  
December .....24.45  
January .....24.12

NEW YORK  
Spot Cotton  
55 up .....29.65  
No Spot Cotton  
55 up .....30.00  
75 up .....29.75  
Sales .....1200.00

CHICAGO GRAIN CLOSE

WHEAT  
May .....102½  
July .....103½  
September .....104½

CORN  
May .....79½  
July .....79½  
September .....79½

OATS  
May .....46½  
July .....44½  
September .....41½

CHICAGO  
HOGS  
35,000 Tops .....7.50

ST. LOUIS  
HOGS  
11,000 Tops .....7.70

ST. LOUIS CASH  
2 Red wheat .....112-115  
3 Red wheat .....111  
4 Red wheat .....108

3 Mixed corn .....78½  
4 Mixed corn .....77  
3 Yellow corn .....83½  
4 Yellow corn .....81

3 White corn .....80  
4 White corn .....77

King George Saves Time

King George's estate at Sandringham is the one spot in England where daylight saving is used the year around, and has been for more than fifty years. During all this time the clocks have been kept half an hour ahead of Greenwich time, and the reason was to insure punctuality. King Edward, who had the reputation of never being late, even to tea, introduced the idea when he was prince of Wales and it was soon taken up by the nobles who lived in the community.

Hard Boiled

The waitress, very much out of sorts, sailed haughtily up to the table at which sat the grouchy customer. She slammed down the cutlery, snatched a napkin from a pile and tossed it in front of him.

Then, striking a furious pose, she glared at him.

"Whatcha want?" she snapped.

"Couple of eggs," growled the diner.

"How ya want 'em?"

"Just like you are."—Notre Dame Juggler.

Watchful Idling

The world treats the momentous business of spooning as a joke.

"My little man," a deacon said to a small boy, "have you no better way of spending this holy Sabbath afternoon than idling away your time on your front lawn?"

"I ain't idlin' away no time," the little man exploded. "There's a feller inside spoonin' with my sister, and she's payin' me a nickel an hour to watch out for pop and mom."

An Easy One

"That artist daubing his brush upon his palette reminds me of two women kissing each other."

"How so?"

"He's mixing paint."

A Duplicate

A citizen was seen standing in a dejected attitude before a lamp post.

"Well, Maria," he mumbled, "I know I'm drunk. Why don't you say something?"—Bughouse Bugle.

The W. C. T. U. will meet at 2:00 p. m. in the ladies' parlor of the M. E. Church, Wednesday, April 9.

FOR SALE—White Leghorn eggs, 75c per setting of 15 eggs. \$4.00 per hundred. This price is for the eggs if gotten at my home, one mile west of Sikeston.—J. W. Buckles. 2tpd.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM MOREHOUSE

Mrs. W. R. Griffin, William Marvin Griffin and Miss Hattie Harp attended the musical in Cape Girardeau Sunday afternoon given at Academic Hall.

Ed Buser was in Dexter Monday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Tommy are the proud parents of a fine daughter, who arrived at their home on Friday.

Those who attended the Sunday School Convention at Illmo, last Sunday, were: Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Brown Woffard, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Wafford and children, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hall, Rev. Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Patterson, Mesdames Bob Taylor, A. F. Stanley, Pete Taylor, Miss Maudie Steinbeck and John Parrish.

A fine boy arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. U. C. Gosnell near Salcedo on March 27th. He has been named Gale.

Claude Warfield and William Cornell spent the week-end at home. They are both attending the Cape Normal this winter.

Darrell Harris of Gideon spent the week-end with homefolks.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lowe, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Spence, Miss Margaret Grant and John Spence, Jr., attended the musical in Cape Girardeau, Sunday.

Miss Laura Murphy spent the week end in Bertrand with relatives and friends.

Miss Fannie Smith was in Risco last week-end visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. L. I. Gray and daughter, Helen, and Ed Griffin spent Sunday in Cape Girardeau.

Members of Mrs. I. H. Dunaway's class served a luncheon at the City Hall on Tuesday to the voters. Those who assisted in the serving were: Misses Viola Shelby, Wanda Saville, Dorothy Brewer and Lillian Sanders. Mrs. Alice Clark helped the girls and they collected \$9.59. This will be applied to the parsonage fund, which they started some time ago.

Misses Maggie Porter, Irene Patterson, Lorene Buser and Mrs. J. W. Porter were at Cape Girardeau, Sunday.

In a very hotly contested election D. A. Mocabee, J. W. Wilkins and Harry Black were elected to the School Board out of a field of six candidates. W. T. Wofford and John Parrish were elected aldermen over Will Mathis and A. C. Whitener.

Warren Sarff, son of J. W. Sarff, was shot through the calf and both bones of his leg by Howard Adkinson, fourteen years of age, who discharged a twenty-two caliber rifle in the direction of Warren, accidentally or otherwise, in some childish folly.

Dr. I. H. Dunaway and Ed Hindman are on a trip which will take them through the Southwest and Mexico.

The district conference which met in Morehouse came to a close Wednesday night after spirited and well attended session of two days. The people of Morehouse kept the ministers in their homes, providing dinner and supper at the Church.

Miss Leota Friend of Chaffee spent the week-end with friends in Morehouse.

Mrs. W. R. Griffin has gone to Blodgett to make an extended visit with relatives there.

Miss Mary Lucille Daughtrey has been confined to bed with illness for the last few days.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Fisher and Mrs. Powell spent Friday in Cape Girardeau.

Mrs. J. W. Sarff and son, Chester, spent Saturday, shopping in Cape Girardeau.

Mrs. J. M. Wilson returned to her home in Jackson, Saturday, after a several weeks visit here with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Mathis were shopping in Sikeston on Saturday of last week.

The contest between the two Sunday School classes of W. D. Lowe and Mrs. Brice Edwards ended this last Sunday. Mr. Lowe's class won by a small margin. The girls expect to entertain the boys with a party in the near future.

On Friday night the cyclone blew down a smoke stack at the heading mill in this city. Men were called out during the night to prevent further damage. The telephone and light service were badly crippled, the former not yet repaired. Numerous windows were blown in, the garage of Allen Mocabee was blown into the street, the roof landing on the grape arbor of Mr. Leadbetter. The main par of a new barn being built by Mr. Forye, a farmer north of Morehouse, was blown down, leaving the two wings standing alone.

The ladies of the Baptist Church presented 'An Old Fashioned Mother' to a record audience at the gymnasium on Friday evening. Mrs. Taylor represented the 'Old Fashioned Mother' in a way to stir the motherly emotions of everyone. Walter



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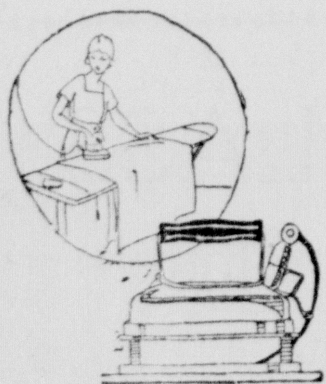
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Holmes played her wayward son, effectively. Rev. Patterson made a humorous clown. All of the parts were well played, holding the close attention of the audience.

Professor Birch, Swine Specialist from the University of Missouri, addressed the vocational classes and others, Friday, on problems connected with growing hogs. Afterward he consulted with some of the Pig Club members. He said most farmers in Southeast Missouri were selling all their hogs even brood sows, and that it would pay some men to stay in the business.

LOST—Grey kid glove, with black beaded cuff, Saturday in Sikeston. Return to Mrs. Carl Freeman, 408 S. Kingshighway.

FOR SALE OR RENT—5-room house in Chamber of Commerce addition, fixed for all modern conveniences. If interested phone 244.—Dr. T. C. McClure.

Rev. Walker, who has purchased the property of the old Methodist parsonage, moved his family in Wednesday. Rev. Walker bought the place some weeks ago and has had it redecorated and several changes have been made.

At the City election Tuesday the Chamber of Commerce addition, East Side Addition and Sunset Addition were voted in the city limits. The votes for the Chamber of Commerce addition were 996 to 65, East Side addition, 983 to 57; Sunset addition, 781 to 145.

SPECIALS

Saturday, April 5th

Coat Hangers, 3 for...10c  
3 twin bars toilet soap 19c  
30c fancy glass dish...19c  
Grey granite coffee pot 39c

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Notice of Special School Election

School District of Sikeston, Scott County, Missouri.

The qualified voters of the School District of Sikeston, Scott County, Missouri, are hereby notified that a special election will be held on Tuesday, the 22nd day of April, 1924, at the City Hall, in the City of Sikeston, Scott County, Missouri, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of said school district a proposition to increase the indebtedness of said school district in the sum of \$15,000.00, and authorize the Board of Education to borrow this sum of money and issued bonds for the payment thereof, to provide funds for erecting and furnishing an addition to the High School Building in said school district.

The polls will be open at the place heretofore designated for the reception of votes at six o'clock in the forenoon and remain open until seven o'clock in the afternoon of the same day.

Done by order and resolution of the Board of Education of School District of Sikeston, Scott County, Missouri, on the 2nd day of April, 1924.

R. E. BAILEY,  
Secretary Board of Education.

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Bacon, whole or half, per lb. 20½c

Oranges, 252 size 21c

Pure Lard, 2 lbs. 27c

Corn, 3 cans for 28c

Tall Pink Salmon, per can 15c

Cor Meal, 10 lbs. 25c

P. & G Soap, 4 bars 17c

Bulk Macaroni or Spaghetti, 2 lbs. 17c

Hams, whole or half, per lb. 23c

Bananas, per lb. 11½c

Country Club Milk, 3 cans for 27c

Country Club Butter, per lb. 48c

Crackers, salted or plain, per lb. 12c

Bulk Rolled Oats 4 lbs. 15c

Palmolive Soap, 3 bars for 24c

Bulk Noodles, per lb. 11c



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## TUESDAY ELECTION CAUSED FEW CHANGES

It has been a long time since Sikeston witnessed such a keen and such a clean election as she had on Tuesday. The candidates have been at work for several weeks, but the past ten days things have been at fever heat all over town. Felker for Mayor has been as busy as a beaver laying chunks to keep his fences in lines, while Smith, his opponent, has held many many quiet meetings with his lieutenants in an endeavor to find the weak spots to break through. Little or no ugly talk was used by either candidate or their friends, as there was nothing in evidence to cause talk. It was Progressive Sikeston vs. Conservative Sikeston, and the progressive won. The real hot spot on board was the Chief of Police and so many claims had been made and so much talk indulged in, that an outsider could not make an intelligent guess as to who would win the honor. Every man running would have made an acceptable officer and given the hearty support of the citizens. Uncle Joe's friends of a life-time, stood firm and the final count showed that he was given a substantial lead. At 9:00 o'clock with the 1st and 4th Wards in, it looked as though he would be defeated. The 2nd and 3rd Wards stood by him that increased his lead. Uncle Joe owes much to his daughter, Miss Anna, and to Miss Lena Vick, for their hard work for him while he was confined to his home with a deep cold.

Then the next race was a dash with Patterson and Bailey going to the post. It was Roger's home town where he was raised against a most competent man who has been a citizen for the past two years. The kid won by votes of those who wished to encourage a young man just starting in his profession.

The Collectors race saw three cripples start—none crippled in the head, and all competent and deserving. It was case of re-electing the man who had the experience of one term.

The race for Police Judge was two old-timers, both J. P.s, and equally fit for the position. Judge Lescher won by a nose though Judge Myers is satisfied and claims he received all the votes of the women which is a compliment. Judge Lescher is satisfied, too, because he was elected, and feels that his style of beauty must have gotten him a few votes from the ladies.

In Ward 1, for Alderman, T. A. Wilson beat A. Gump, handsomely, the vote being 320 to 1. T. wishes to have the supporter of Mr. Gump call at his office and receive a leather medal.

In Ward 2, Frank Smith and Jim Nestor locked horns, but the match was one-sided, 248 to 80, in favor of Smith.

In Ward 3, Judson Boardman and Old Scratch seemed to be almost as one-sided as in Ward 1, the vote being 490 to 3.

In Ward 4, Aulton Craven and Tanner Dye got off nicely and ran a pretty race until the last stretch, when Craven won by a couple of lengths.

All in all, the defeated candidates took their loss with pretty good spirit and were ready to congratulate the winners.

The following is the vote by Wards:

FOR MAYOR	Wards 1	2	3	4	Total
Felker	250	248	222	134	854
Smith	66	254	258	134	712
POLICE CHIEF					
Randol	100	171	154	88	513
Hayden	115	148	111	64	438
Carson	30	92	117	41	280
Kendall	53	56	84	70	263
Clark	6	11	1	2	20
CITY ATTORNEY					
Patterson	135	201	195	137	678
Bailey	167	239	267	117	790
COLLECTOR					
Shepherd	200	170	225	145	740
Chambliss	57	45	105	39	246
Demaris	51	271	149	79	550
POLICE JUDGE					
Lescher	176	205	219	177	777
Myers	126	265	238	84	713
COUNCILMEN					
Wilson	320				
A. Gump	1				
Smith		248			
Nestor		80			
Boardman			490		
Cravens				124	
Dye				89	

### CODE CONVENTION AND VOTE COST \$1,000,000

Jefferson City, April 1.—That the total cost of submitting 21 proposed State constitutional amendments to the people in a special election February 26 will be approximately \$1,000,000 was indicated, following the filing of a final report today by the constitutional convention's special committee on submission and address. Six of the amendments were carried in the election.

Appropriations made by the constitutional convention while it was in session in 1922 and 1923 totaled \$800,000, of which \$753,884 was for costs of the convention and submitting the amendments to the people, exclusives of the election cost. The balance of \$46,116 is in the State treasury.

All counties and the city of St. Louis are to be reimbursed by the State for expenses incurred in holding the election. At the Auditor's office the probable expense of the election was estimated at \$175,000 to \$200,000. The county bills are being held by the Auditor and will be turned over to the Legislature in 1925 for a relief appropriation, as no funds now are available to meet them.

All bills for the convention proper and the work of the special committee have been paid except warrants outstanding for \$3660, payable to Joseph B. Shannon of Kansas City, leader of the "rabbit" faction of the Democratic party there, and a delegate-at-large to the convention. These warrants cover salary at \$10 a day while the convention was in session and other authorized expenses, but have not been presented by Shannon.

The baseball club will hold another meeting Sunday, April 6, at 2:30 at Dudley's Place. Nothing definite was decided last Sunday at their meeting.

Last Thursday some contemptible thief entered the harness room of Will Simpson, near McMullin, and stole four full sets of harness, six collars, some new bridles and lines. Up to date no trace of the thief has been found.

Bob Powell and family of Blytheville, Ark., spent Saturday and Sunday with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Powell. Mr. and Mrs. Powell motored from Sikeston to Blytheville, leaving here Sunday evening at 7:20, arriving at Blytheville at 12:15. The trip was made in a Chevrolet.

RICHARD HUDNUT'S REPRESENTATIVE

## MADAME COLBY

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She Will Be Here From  
**April 7th, to and including April 12th**

Private demonstrations only. Make your appointments early.

## DERRIS, The Druggist

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### THE CARPENTER SHOP.

By Dr. Frank Crane.

There is a carpenter shop I go by nearly every day. Sometimes I go in and the boss lets me sit around so long as I do not get in the way.

I like the clean smell of the wood whose flesh is newly opened, distilling the long bottled life odors of the pine and oak and hickory through the air.

I like the whistle of the plane and to see the shavings fall in baby ringlets to the floor.

I like the drone of the circular saw, the diapason of the builders' orchestra.

I like the pounding of the hammer. There is something so good and certain and solid about a hammer. I wish I could think as positively as that.

Carpenters are cheerful people. Those in this shop are always cracking jokes. There is some element in handling wood and other solid things that seems to react in playfulness upon a man.

They have names for each other; brothers in work make their own names and scorn such artificialities as Smith and Robinson. They call one another Stubby, One Eye, Whiskers, Fat, Reddy and the like.

They are not polite. That is what they seem to avoid. They abuse each other, and give one another the most astounding punches with fists or thwacks with boards, whereat they all laugh, including the victim. But any one can see they are very fond of each other. It is simply youth. Hand work preserves the youthful view of things. It is thought that is aging. The boss talks quick and sharp,

sometimes throws in a few swear words. The man spoken to usually grumbles, always looks disgusted with the stupidity of the command, and always obeys. The boss is very popular.

Sometimes I go to teas and society functions. When I do I generally go to the carpenter shop the next day to get the taste out of my mouth.

It is engaging to see the carpenter use the square, the foot rule and the water level. Those things mean that good work is to be right, not pretty near right.

Carpenters, I find also, are just as positive in their creeds as other handicraft people. Whether a carpenter be a Baptist, a Socialist or a Free-Thinker, he is very radical.

Their idea of things are not at all 'picked o'er with the pale cast of thought.'

This, too, probably, is the result of handling sharp-cornered and straight-edged planks.

We who chase woolly ideas and mothy sensations are not so sure about the proper government of this world nor the exact location of the next.

Mrs. R. A. Moll and children, Mrs. Jno. Moll and Mrs. Stella Moll and children spent Thursday in Morehouse with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wolford and family.

The fire truck was called to the home of Mrs. G. P. McCoy Tuesday afternoon. The fire was caused by sparks falling on the roof. Before the fire truck arrived, Daniel McCoy, a grandson, took the lawn hose and made his way to the roof, putting the fire out before the truck reached the scene.

### WOMAN'S AUTOMOBILE TO BE SOLD BY COURT

Benton, April 1.—Mrs. Bertie Randolph of Cape Girardeau was fined \$500 in circuit court here Monday when she pleaded guilty before Judge Dearing to a charge of transporting liquor. She paid the fine and relinquished claim to a Ford sedan automobile which was seized by the officers when she was arrested.

Mrs. Randolph was arrested near a church north of Sikeston several months ago by Sheriff Kirkendall and Deputy Tom Scott and liquor was found in her automobile. A change of venue was taken from Judge Kelly and Judge Dearing was asked to hear the case.

Officers say that the automobile will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder.

Mary Garden, the opera singer, has kept the same maid for the past 14 years.

For a change, flavor the rice pudding with lemon and cinnamon. It is very tasty.

Sa'ad or a compote of oranges or some rather "tart" fruit may be served with most birds.

Lee R. Newnan, farmer of near Sikeston, filed a voluntary petition of bankruptcy in federal district court today, listing liabilities of \$4,575 and assets of \$100. The liabilities consist of two notes, one for \$3,000, given the Bank of New Hamburg, and another for \$1575, given the A. J. Matthews & Co., Inc. Both are unsecured.—Cape Missourian.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are authorized to announce Tom  
Scott as a candidate for the nomina-  
tion of Sheriff of Scott County, sub-  
ject to the will of the voters at the  
August primary.

We are authorized to announce F.  
K. Sneed of Chaffee for Sheriff of  
Scott County, subject to the will of  
the Democratic voters at the August  
primary.

We are authorized to announce  
Farm A. Stone of Skeston for Sher-  
iff of Scott County, subject to the will  
of the Democratic voters at the Aug-  
ust primary.

We are authorized to announce L.  
P. Guber of Vanduser for Sheriff of  
Scott County, subject to the will of  
the Democratic voters at the August  
primary.

We are authorized to announce  
Fred M. Farris, of Benton, as can-  
didate for Sheriff, of Scott County,  
subject to the will of the voters at  
the August primary.

We are authorized to announce  
Bob Cannon, of Benton, as candidate  
for Sheriff of Scott County, subject  
to the will of the voters at the pri-  
mary in August.

## COUNTY ASSESSOR

We are authorized to announce  
Chas. A. Stallings, of Morley, for  
Assessor of Scott County, subject to  
the will of the Democratic voters at  
the August primary.

We are authorized to announce  
Geo. C. Bean, of Illinois, for assessor  
of Scott County, subject to the will  
of the Democratic voters at the Aug-  
ust primary.

We are authorized to announce  
Angles W. Bowman of Morley, for  
County Assessor, subject to the will  
of the voters at the August primary.

We are authorized to announce C.  
C. Myers of Oran as Democratic can-  
didate for the office of Assessor, sub-  
ject to the will of the voters at the  
August primary.

## NEW MADRID COUNTY

We are authorized to announce G.  
F. Deane, of Matthews, as a candi-  
date for Sheriff of New Madrid Coun-  
ty, subject to the will of the Demo-  
cratic voters at the August primary.

More copies of the Memphis Com-  
mercial Appeal should be read in  
Skeston and vicinity. It is sound in  
principles, ably edited, carries all the  
late foreign and domestic news, and  
should be especially sought after for  
the cotton news it contains.

The Standard believes it would be  
a good policy, if the Board of Alder-  
men could see their way clear, to  
put J. H. Hayden back on the night  
job as assistant Chief of Police. He  
has made as good an officer as we  
have had, is familiar with the duties,  
has a big family of children that he  
is trying to educate, and needs the  
job.

Senator Copeland of New York is  
trying to work up a world conference  
on commerce and trade, the object  
being to develop ways to give the  
American farmer a better market for  
his surplus products, notably wheat.  
It is certain that Democrats will be  
in a position after the November  
election to carry out some broad and  
comprehensive plans for betterment  
of the farmers' condition. Nothing  
has ever proved a more complete  
failure than the Republican effort to  
increase the price of wheat through  
increased tariff rates. Each time the  
rate is raised it is followed by a drop  
in the wheat price.

## WIND STORM

## Causes Heavy Loss Friday Night

Are you fully protected  
by insurance against the  
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LETTER FROM THE  
AGRICULTURAL BUREAU

Southeast Missouri By Radio  
Through the courtesy of the Mis-  
souri Association and the State Board  
of Agriculture, and the co-operation  
of the Southeast Missouri Agricul-  
tural Bureau a Southeast Missouri radio  
address will be delivered from the  
State broadcasting station at Jeffer-  
son City, Friday evening, April 4.  
Southeast Missourians will be inter-  
ested in listening in on this address.  
There have been several Southeast  
Missouri addresses broadcasted from  
this station during the past year and  
arrangements are being made to  
broadcast several more during the  
coming year. The State broadcast-  
ing station at Jefferson City is one  
of the strongest in the country and  
its messages are heard all over the  
United States.

Southeast Missouri Moving Picture  
To Have National Distribution

The Secretary of the Southeast  
Missouri Agricultural Bureau was in  
Chicago last week, negotiating with  
the Homestead Films, Incorporated,  
for an arrangement whereby the  
Southeast Missouri moving picture  
will be distributed by that corpora-  
tion through the various county  
farm bureaus and educational institu-  
tions of the United States.

The Southeast Missouri film made  
a strong impression on the President  
of the Homestead Films, Incorporated,  
and he agreed to distribute this  
film after some minor changes have  
been made in some of the titles and  
scenes. If the film meets with the  
approval of the users of such films,  
it will require from four to eight ad-  
ditional sets of prints to take care of  
the demand. This estimate is based  
on the distribution of other similar  
films in use. This means that the  
Southeast Missouri moving picture  
will have as wide circulation as "Joe  
McCure" and other well-known agri-  
cultural films.

The attractive feature of the film  
of the Homestead Films Corporation  
was its wide range of diversification  
of farm crops and live stock. There  
is no other picture on the market at  
the present time that features diver-  
sification as the Southeast Missouri  
film features it. Since diversification  
is one of the most important subjects  
which agricultural leaders are  
preaching now-a-days, it is believed  
that the Southeast Missouri film  
will meet with wide popularity.

The average age of Civil War wid-  
ows is 74.25.

Organized Turkish women are de-  
manding that polygamy be abol-  
ished, divorce limited and a law pass-  
ed to allow girls to reach their ma-  
jority at 17 instead of 13, at present.

The Oklahoma Club won the State  
Club Track Meet at the Chillicothe  
Business College last week by a big  
margin. The individual medals for  
high point boy and girl also went to  
Oklahomans.

Among the 13 member of the in-  
fluential committee appointed by the  
Government to inquire into the British  
national debt is a young woman,  
Mrs. Barbara Wooton, who at the age  
of 27 years was given the honor of  
participating in the deliberations  
with some of the most noted bankers,  
industrialists, professional econom-  
ists and trade union leaders in the  
country.

Perhaps it would not be out of  
place for the President of the Cham-  
ber of Commerce to take up with the  
manager of the electric light com-  
pany the matter of installing an  
auxiliary pump of some sort in Sik-  
eston to furnish us with power to  
pump water in case of fire when all  
three of the other plants that are  
supposed to furnish such power fail  
as in the case Saturday and Monday,  
last.

SOME SCOTT COUNTY  
FARM BUREAU NEWS

## Pruning Young Grape Vines

Perhaps the most common mistake  
in pruning your grape vines is that  
of leaving too much wood. In their  
desire to secure immediate returns  
growers not infrequently allow their  
vines to overbear during their second  
and third years in the vineyard, and  
this results in the permanent detri-  
ment of the vines. The early prun-  
ing of grape vines has as its object  
the development of a vigorous root  
system and the establishment of a  
system of training; and under no  
consideration should the vines be al-  
lowed to produce fruit the second  
year, and only the most vigorous  
vines should be permitted to fruit the  
third year. Unless proper pruning is  
given the vines the first two or  
three years in the vineyard it may  
become necessary to cut them to the  
ground and start all over again, says  
H. G. Swartwout of the Missouri Col-  
lege of Agriculture.

To prune vines after their first  
season's growth in the vineyard all  
the canes or shoots that grew the  
previous summer are cut away but  
one and that is cut back two buds  
or eyes, the same kind of pruning  
as that given the tops of vines at the  
time of setting. The effect of this  
heavy pruning is to concentrate the  
whole energy of the vines into the  
development of one strong vigorous  
shoot. A number of shoots usually  
start from the two eyes left on the  
vines but all should be removed but  
one. This one is to form the perma-  
nent trunk of the vine and should  
be tied to the lower wire of the trellis  
and again to the upper wire. If  
vigorous it is usually pinched off as  
soon as it reaches the height of the  
top wire to force out laterals; but,  
if only moderately vigorous no sum-  
mer pinching should be done.

The way in which the vines are  
pruned at the end of the second year  
in the vineyard depends on the  
growth they have made. Where  
strong laterals have been produced  
the vines are pruned to leave one  
lateral to run in either direction  
along each wire of a two wire trellis.  
The laterals should be shortened,  
however, to leave a total of not more  
than 10 or 12 buds or eyes to each  
vine. When no strong laterals are  
produced the vines are pruned to a  
single cane, reaching from the  
ground to the top wire. Vines that  
have not made a good growth should  
be cut back to two buds or at least  
to the lower wire of the trellis. Noth-  
ing is to be gained by attempting to  
form the trunk of a vine until a root  
system has been developed strong  
enough to produce a vigorous shoot  
growth.

Southeast Missouri Picture to Be  
Shown at Commerce

Arrangements have been made  
with the Southeast Missouri Agricul-  
tural Bureau, through the Scott  
County Farm Bureau, to show the  
Southeast Missouri Agriculture pic-  
ture to the farmers and business men  
of the Commerce Community Club  
District on April 16.

This picture will be shown after  
the banquet which will be served by  
the ladies of the Methodist church.

## Five Cotton Demonstrations

The following farmers of Scott  
County have agreed to co-operate  
with the University Extension Ser-  
vice and the Scott County Farm Bu-  
reau in conducting cotton demonstra-  
tions:

Moore Greer of Skeston, will use  
Acala cotton seed close spacing in the  
row and acid phosphate.

Marshall Land & Mercantile Com-  
pany of Blodgett, will use a combina-  
tion of acid phosphate and muriate of  
potash on their plots.

Louis Dobogne will use 300 pounds  
of acid phosphate per acre on the  
hill land west of Kelso. Trice cotton  
seed will be used in this demonstra-  
tion.

Joe Ellis and Ed Ramsey of Com-  
merce will conduct a similar demon-  
stration using 300 pounds of acid  
phosphate. Trice seed close and wide  
spacing.

Judge R. L. Harrison of Morley  
will use 50 pounds of muriate of pot-  
ash and 300 pounds of acid phosphate  
in an experiment where Acala cotton  
seed is used. This land is west of  
Morley, near the base line road. All  
these demonstrations will be from  
two to three acres each, leaving one-  
half unfertilized as a check upon the  
fertilizer.

Miss Florence Sterling, treasurer  
of one of the largest oil corporations  
in the South, is being considered as  
a candidate for Mayor in Houston,  
Texas.

Mrs. Mollie N. Newbury, head of  
one of the largest department stores  
in Chicago, carries more insurance  
than any other woman in the United  
States, per policy calling for \$3,000,-  
000.

FARM BUREAU NEWS  
FROM NEW MADRID

## Do Not Burn Your Stalks

There are many farmers who seem  
to think that all stalks must be raked  
and burned in order to grow a  
successful crop on that land for the  
following year. In some few cases  
these very men who follow the prac-  
tice of burning stalks are men who  
use fertilizer. It is quite evident  
that these men are unaware that  
these stalks burned contain an ap-  
preciable amount of the same plant  
foods that they are supply by the  
use of commercial fertilizer, yet  
such is the case.

A crop of cotton of one bale per  
acre will remove in the leaves, seed,  
stalks and bolls about 75 pounds of  
nitrogen, 54 pounds of potash and 25  
pounds of phosphoric acid. A little  
more than one-half of this plant food  
is returned to the soil if the leaves,  
stalks and bolls are plowed under. A  
corn crop producing 75 bushels of  
corn per acre removes from the soil  
75 pounds of nitrogen, 14 pounds of  
phosphorous and 14 pounds of potas-  
sium, in the grain and shuck. The  
stover from this crop removes 36  
pounds of nitrogen, 4 1-2 pounds of  
phosphorous and 39 pounds of potas-  
sium practically all of which is lost  
entirely when the corn stalks are  
burned.

It is a wasteful practice for the  
farmer to dispose of his old stalks  
in such a manner. It is rank ex-  
travagance and those farmers who  
follow such methods cannot have in  
mind a building up of their soil fer-  
tility. They cannot have in mind a  
thought towards cutting down their  
expenses.

Stalks, if cut early enough and  
turned under will rot thoroughly. The  
excuse or supposition that turning  
the stalks under will not rot them,  
thus leaving them to interfere with  
the planting and cultivating of the  
following crop is erroneous. Some of  
the larger stalks should be cut much  
earlier than is the common practice,  
but if this is done they will decom-  
pose sufficiently so that they will not  
interfere with the next crop. Do not  
throw your money away. You are  
doing this if you burn your stalks.

## Many Weevil Killed by Winter

Since 1915 the Government Experi-  
ment Station at Tallulah, La., has  
been running tests on the percentage  
of boll weevil surviving each winter.  
The report for 1924 came out in  
March and shows the number of live  
weevil found this season to be lower  
than any previous year. While this  
is very favorable for the crop  
lookout in the South, nevertheless, it  
is pointed out by the Department of  
Agriculture that his does not neces-  
sarily indicate that the weevil will  
not be numerous enough to do the  
1924 cotton crop serious damage. Ac-  
cording to the report, only one live  
weevil was found for every two tons  
of moss, as compared with the pre-  
vious year when thirty-eight live wee-  
vil were found for every two tons of  
moss.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS  
FROM MATTHEWS

Mrs. G. D. Steele and Mrs. Albert  
Deane shopped in Cape Girardeau  
Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Steele and  
little daughter of New Madrid, visit-  
ed in Matthews, Sunday.

There will be a home talent play  
W. V. Moore returned to his home  
in Kansas, after a few days visit at  
this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Latimer and Mrs.  
Frank Sibley and children were  
guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stewart  
Friday evening.

J. A. Weatherford, daughter, Miss  
Ozetta, went to Skeston Thursday of  
last week to visit relatives. Mrs.  
Horace Weatherford accompanied  
them home to spend a few days.

Coroner D. A. Chiles was called to  
Marston Friday evening to hold an  
inquest over the body of a boy by  
the name of Penniger. He was killed  
about six and a half miles from  
Marston down on Little River. He  
was shot sometime between 1:00 p. m.  
and midnight. There was another  
boy seriously injured. The shooting  
of both was done by a man by the  
name of Bill Meatte. Constable W.  
H. Deane was summoned by Sheriff  
Kerr to come and bring the jurors,  
who were: Clarence Hunott, Rub  
Bornhart, Nig Rogers, Earn Smith,  
Wes Depro and Alfred Deane. The  
verdict was returned willful murder.

It is claimed that there is less seri-  
ous diseases among red-headed wom-  
en than among women with dark  
hair.

As a child, Annie S. Peck, noted  
for her daring mountain climbing  
feats, was very timid and filled with  
fear.

## SPECIAL MEETINGS

Christian Church  
April 7 to April 20

7:30 Every Evening

## W. T. Walker

the Minister will do the preaching

COME *Bring a Friend* STUDY  
the Word of God with us

Read Matthew 16th chapter; Acts 2nd,  
8th and 22nd Chapters; Romans 6th  
chapter.

*"What Must I Do To Be Saved"*

This is a very important question. Will  
you please cite the Scriptures that an-  
swer this question and drop in the bas-  
ket any night.

COMMITTEE

COTTON GROWERS  
ASSOCIATION NEWSElection of Directors Missouri Cot-  
ton Growers' Co-operative Asso-  
ciation May 27th.

The election of the Directors of  
the Missouri Cotton Growers' Co-  
operative Association will take place  
on May 27, 1924. The Board of Di-  
rectors of the Missouri Association is  
composed of nine members elected  
last year from nine districts. The  
districts were arranged last year by  
the organization committee so as to  
give the cotton that had been signed  
up an equitable representation on the  
Board. At the next meeting of the  
Board of Directors in April the elec-  
tion will be authorized and ballots  
mailed to the members in each dis-  
trict. The by-laws specify that the  
ballot to be mailed or the election  
can be held in each district by mass  
meeting. The ballots will be mailed  
perhaps ten days before the date set  
for the regular meeting of the mem-  
bers.

The success of co-operative mar-  
keting of cotton depends upon the  
ability of the members to choose  
from their members a Board of Di-  
rectors that is capable of managing  
the co-operative cotton selling or-  
ganization. To do this they must be-  
come judges of men. When these  
ballots are mailed every member  
should vote.

Women are serving today in nearly  
every branch of the merchant marine  
service.

The United States forest service  
has started an investigation to find  
where new ree growth on burned-ov-  
er lands comes from.

Next time you make a fruit salad  
try this: Dice tart apples and cel-  
ery, add cocoanut, marinate with  
French dressing and serve with dots  
of tart jelly over the top.

## Notice of Final Settlement

Notice is hereby given that the  
undersigned, Administratrix of the  
estate of James A. Bradley, deceas-  
ed, will make final settlement of his  
accounts with said estate as such ad-  
ministratrix at the next term of the  
Probate Court of Scott County, Mis-  
souri, to be holden at Benton in said  
county, on the 5th day of May, A.  
D., 1924.

LUCY JACKSON, Adm.

Fully nine-tenths of the women in  
China cannot write their own names.

Fogs cause digestive troubles  
among small mammals and birds in  
the London zoo, the animals losing  
their appetite and most of the birds  
refusing to eat unless there is plenty  
of light.

Carrying bricks has been a lucra-  
tive job for the last few years, so  
John Tantillo, hodcarrier, of New  
York, laid down his hod for the first  
time in thirty years to celebrate. The  
occasion for the celebration was that  
John had become the owner of a five-  
story tenement house valued at \$30,-  
000, which he had bought with his  
savings.

Clara Rocha, known as "Mexico's  
Joan of Arc," rides at the head of  
her dead husband's command with an  
official commission from the War De-  
partment.

Two more Civil Service students of  
Chillicothe Business College, Eugene  
Johnson and Lewis Burkett, have  
received their clerk appointments in  
the Chicago Postoffice and now are at  
work.

Use moderately warm soapy wa-  
ter for cleaning brushes and avoid  
the use of soda or strong soap pow-  
der. Rinse them in plenty of cold  
water; this stiffens the bristles that  
are somewhat softened by the wash-  
ing process.

## COTTON SEED

Good planting seed are going to be scarce this spring. Bet-  
ter place your order now.

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### AN OHIO RIVER CAVERN, A REAL ROBBERS' ROOST

Since David hid from Saul in the Cave of Adullam—and probably extending back to the misty eras when our prognathous ancestors found the earth's subcellars the safest places of refuge from the numerous cares that infested their days—subterranean caverns have been invested in the popular imagination with the hues of legendary mystery and romance. Given a hole in a hillside leading into a dim smoke blackened rock roofed chamber and most anything in the way of adventure might have happened there. In the credulous fancies of the young and the old of its neighborhood it becomes a place around which weird traditions cluster, of ghosts and bandits and such things. Notwithstanding the fact that Missouri's noted 'knights of the brush', Jesse and Frank James, were more familiar with good hotels and city residences than they were with holes in the ground, numerous caves are still pointed out as the former haunts of the bandits, and the same thing is true of California's 'Black Bart' and Oklahoma's 'Dalton Boys.' Well, the caves were there for them to use, rent free, and with the most approved banditti accommodations, and if they overlooked them, that is no fault of the legend makers or the lovers of romantic cavelore. But there is at least one famous cave in America that the historians have got the goods on—a cave that became the rendezvous and the shelter of river pirates, robber bands, counterfeiters and men whose trade was murder, in the days when the West was a real wilderness and even roadside inns were scarce, to say nothing of hotels, and, as Rogue Riderhood would have said, "the cave is there yet for anyone to see".

The cave referred to is situated

on the northern bank of the lower Ohio River and has been known from Revolutionary days—from which its gruesome history dates—as the "Cave-in-Rock". It is in Hardin County, Illinois, about twenty miles below Shawneetown and about the same distance above Golconda. Within a mile and a half of the cave there now is a little village named Cave-in-Rock, and about two and a half miles below the cavern is Fords Ferry, a place closely linked with the mysteries of the cave and its tragic record of dark and bloody deeds. The huge opening of the cave still looks out on the Ohio River like an ominous eye, silent and mysterious. It is a large and dark tunnel-like opening extending into a gray limestone bluff, jutting above the river like a miniature Gibraltar, commanding a long and picturesque view for miles up and down the river banks. Sphinx-like in its appearance and fascinated by the legends which a sight of it invariably evokes. The mouth of the Cave-in-Rock is some fifty feet in width, and the cavern extends back 160 feet, with an almost uniform depth of forty feet. The cave has a vaulted roof of the natural limestone and there are traces of the existence of a secret upper chamber evidenced by a chimney-like opening into a space 4 feet wide and ten feet high in which, tradition says, the robbers used to hide their loot. In pioneer times the entrance to Cave-in-Rock was concealed by heavy growth of timber, which long ago disappeared. In the post-Revolutionary days of the Middle West and South the old cave was a place of mystery and terror, the rendezvous of river pirates who preyed upon the rude commerce of the river, of outwitted murderers degenerated into savagry, and of notorious highwaymen who rode the Wilderness Road and the old Natchez Trace, as Dick Turpin and Jack Sheppard, in days of yore, rode the Dover Road and Hounslow Heath.

In a sincere effort to disentangle the mass of legend and romantic tradition that became intermingled with the pioneer history of Kentucky and Tennessee and the bordering river states radiating from Cave-in-Rock, a Kentucky writer, Otto A. Rothert, has recently produced a book, "The Outlaws of Cave-in-Rock" (published by the Arthur H. Clark Company, Cleveland), which is of fascinating interest. Dealing with

the authentic story of Cave-in-Rock and the notorious lawbreakers who made the cave their headquarters at one time or another, it also presents a phase of pioneer life in the middle West that has been long forgotten and paints a harrowing picture of the dangers and terrors that confronted the men and women who ventured into the unknown wilderness where every man was a law unto himself.

In prehistoric days Cave-in-Rock was undoubtedly inhabited by the aborigines—perhaps by the Mound Builders. There are remains of several Indian mounds in close proximity to the cave and the stone image of an idol, resembling the Mayan sculpture, was once disinterred near the mouth of the cave, indicating that the cave might at one time have been used as a temple. Historic references to the cave begin as far back as 1766 and most of the early travelers down the Ohio made note of it. After the close of the Revolutionary War, the place became a refuge for two of the most bloodthirsty criminals known in pioneer history—men whose very names were breathed with terror by travelers over the western trails. They were known as Big and Little Harpe and were supposed to be brothers. They were natives of North Carolina. Macajah, known as Big Harpe, was born about 1768, and Wiley known as Little Harpe, was born about 1770. Their father was a Tory who fought under the British flag at King's Mountain and after the war Big and Little Harpe plunged into the wilderness, nursing a hatred, it is said, for the Americans. They were men of abnormal criminals instincts—they killed for the mere lust of killing. Accompanied by their three women the Harpes for years roamed through Tennessee and Kentucky waylaying their victims, robbing, burning and killing. They associated with marauding bands of Indians and encouraged them in bloody deeds. They went armed with guns, knives and tomahawks. They lived, says our author, "like man-eating animals." The women as well as the men wore hunting shirts and moccasins made from the untanned skins of animals they killed. They never wore hats except in the coldest weather and then used for headgear bits of fur pieces together with deerskin thngs.

Murders after murders on the Wil-

derness Road and the Natchez Trace and in the neighborhood of the Cave-in-Rock country were traced to the Harpes until the known total amounted to more than a score, many of them of the most brutal character. Men, women and children were among their victims. Chased from the interior by bands of settlers, stimulated by a reward offered by the Governor of Kentucky, the Harpes fled to Cave-in-Rock, where they found other outlaws hiding out, and the cave became headquarters for the band and a place of sinister deeds. Once the Harpes captured two families floating down the Ohio past the cave in a flatboat. Most of the travelers were killed from the shore, but one was saved for an exhibition of sheer fiendishness characteristic of the Harpes. The captive was stripped, tied to a blindfolded horse and the animal was led to the top of the bluff over the cave. By wild shouts the horse was forced to leap over the cliff, animal and man meeting a terrible death on the rocky shores at the base of the cliff a hundred feet below. But the widespread nets of vengeance finally closed in on the bloody Harpes. They were driven from the cave, captured and taken to Kentucky for trial. They broke jail and took to the wilderness again. A trail of fresh murders marked the path of their flight. At last the whole country became aroused and pursuing bands were everywhere organized. The chase after the Harpes is a classic of Kentucky lore. Big Harpe was finally shot down, his head cut off as a trophy and his decapitated body left to the wolves in the wilds of Muhlenburg County. The head was conveyed to the cross roads near Robertson's Lick and there placed in the forks of a tree where for years it remained a revolting object of horror to passing travelers. Little Harpe, for the time being escaped.

Of a different stripe but no less notorious as an outlaw of many crimes, was Sam Mason, the "Jesse James" of years of the eighteenth and early years of the nineteenth centuries. In the pioneer history of the Middle West Mason stands out as one of the shrewdest and most resourceful of highwaymen. The Harpes killed to gratify a lust for cruelty. Mason robbed along the highways and the river solely for loot, killing only when 'absolutely necessary'. Mason was a most striking and interesting figure. He had been a fighting soldier in the American Revolution, and a man of good family and some education. How he turned to the trade of highwayman is an unsolved mystery, but he made a reputation in the business that extended throughout the Ohio and Mississippi valleys. He organized a desperate gang of outlaws whose headquarters for a long time were on Diamond Island, in the Ohio River, a short distance from Henderson, Ky. Here many of the early pioneers going down the Ohio in flatboats became the victims of the Mason gang.

Along about 1797 Mason transferred his base of operations to Cave-in-Rock and specialized for a time as a river pirate. The cave had an attraction for travelers and was not at that time widely known as a robber's roost. Mason changed his name to Wilson when he took up his residence in the cave and in order to divert suspicion he converted the cave into an inn and he and his family fitted it up as a place of entertainment for voyagers down the river. He displayed a sign 'Wilson's Liquor Vault and House of Entertainment', and a century ago Cave-in-Rock resounded to many scenes of drunken, boisterous hilarity, the preludes to robbery and often to murder. Later Mason deserted the cave and began to operate with his gang along the great Natchez Trace where the rich proceeds of the river trade were the tempting prizes. He was finally captured at New Madrid, Mo., then Spanish territory, with another member of his band, known by various aliases, but who turned out to be the missing Little Harpe. Mason made his escape while being carried down the Mississippi to Natchez, and Harpe, together with another member of the gang, May, also got away from their Spanish captors. The governor of Mississippi, like a later Missouri governor in a modern instance, offered a reward for Mason, dead or alive. Harpe and May proved to be "Ford Brothers" of that day. They trailed Mason, slew him from behind with a tomahawk, cut off his head and brought it into a court, like a wolf scalp, to claim the reward. While in the courtroom they were recognized as he perpetrators of a recent robbery on the Natchez Trace and arrested. Later one of them was identified as Little Harpe and both were hung in 'Gallows Field' a place of execution near Greenville, Miss.

Two notorious counterfeiters of post-revolutionary days were associated with the Cave-in-Rock as a base of counterfeiting operations and

a haven of refuge. One of these was known as "Duff the Coiner", the other was Phillip Alston, a picturesque figure whose exploits furnished material for several romances. Nancy Huston Banks, in her novel, "Round Anvil Rock", presents Alston as a "mysterious gentleman who, altho' generally trusted by the community, was regarded by some with suspicion because of his frequent absences and ever replenished supply of imported cloths, laces and jewelry". His frequent absences were, it seems, the occasions of his visits to the cave where he operated his coining plant. He flooded the country with spurious money. He was noted for his gentlemanly manners and elegant dress and the freedom with which he spent his money. Finally, banished from his native country by the growing suspicions of his neighbors and government officials, he fled to Louisiana territory where he made friends among the Spanish and French settlers. Alston lived a double life—he was the Jekyll-Hyde of the Cave-in-Rock country. He looms large in the gossip and romance of the latter part of the eighteenth century and early part of the nineteenth century. "He comes down to us", says our author, "as handsome in person and grand in manner, with an air of chivalry towards women and of mystery towards men. He was the 'Raffles' of pioneer days and one of the romance heroes of Cave-in-Rock".

Another desperado who utilized the Cave in his operations was James Ford, from whom Fords Ferry, a short distance from the cave, was named. He lived about two miles above Cave-in-Rock on the Kentucky side. He ran a riverside inn and was always surrounded with a gang of desperate men, highwaymen and murderers, who concealed themselves in the Cave and preyed upon the flatboats and emigrants coming down the river. Ford was killed in a feud fight. Long after the pioneer outlaws whose names are most prominently associated with this sinister cavern had passed from the scene, Cave-in-Rock continued to extend refuge to men upon whom the ban of the law had been placed and its evil reputation clung to it as late as 1830. It has figured largely in the literature of the Middle West. For more than a century fiction writers have used the Cave as a background for stories. The book was written by Mr. Rothert is intended, says its author, to give the authentic story of the famous Cave as collected from historic and romantic sources, and it is a work that shows thorough research. One poet—Charles H. Jones of Cincinnati—has dealt with the cave in a Byronic vein. The title of his poem—it was written in 1835—is 'The Outlaw'.—K. C. Star.


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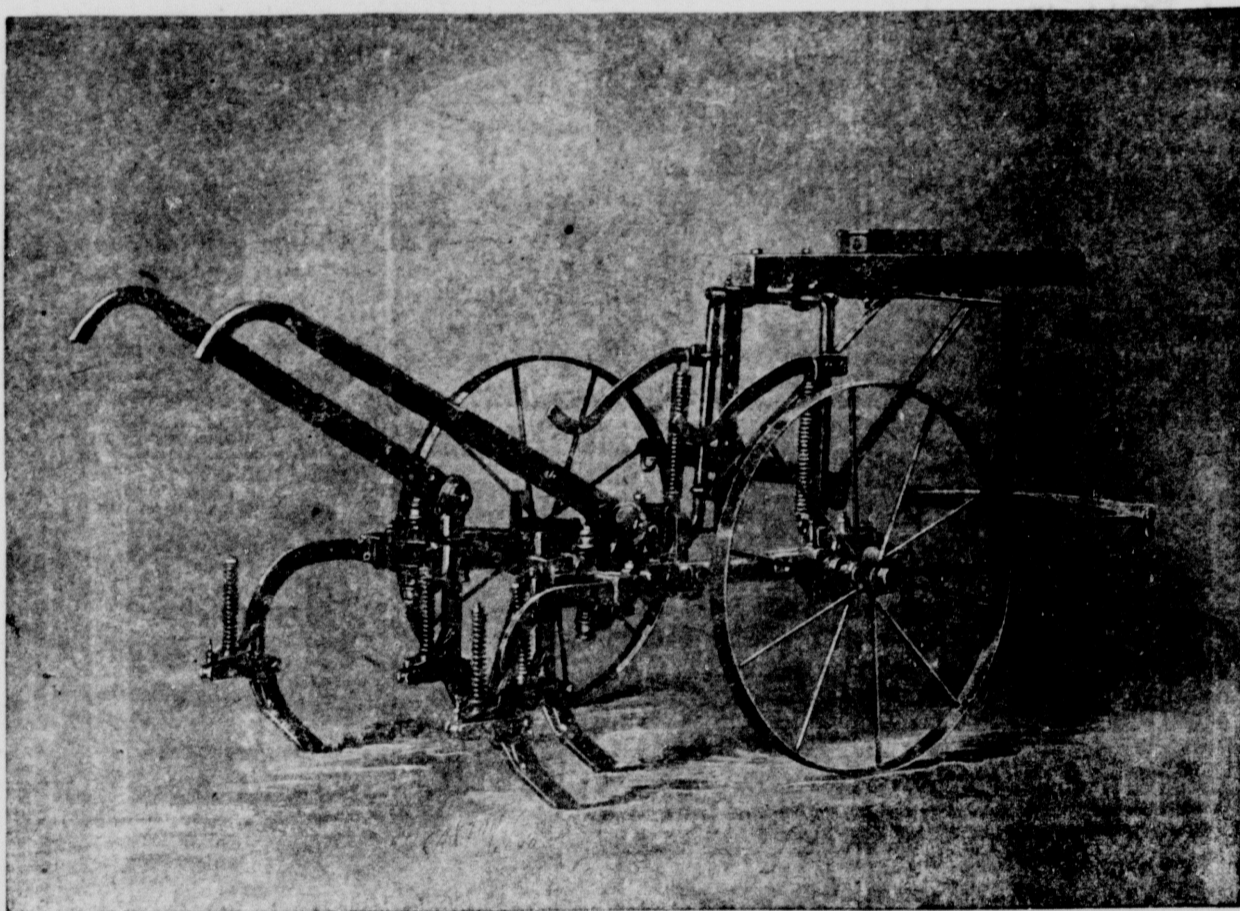
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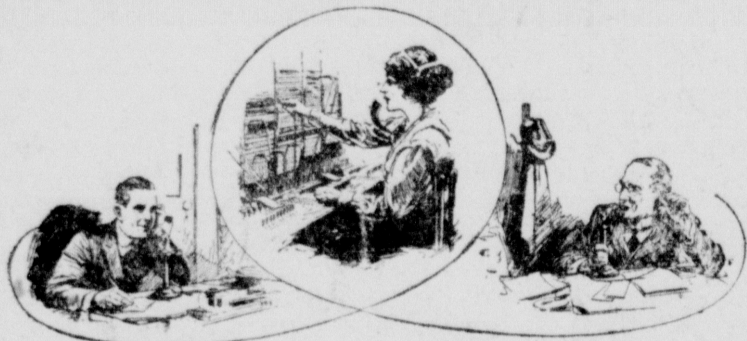
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## Success With Clover Depends on Factors

Make Simple Test to Determine Needs of Soil.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

A successful stand of red clover depends on a number of factors, the absence of any one of which may seriously affect the crop. A simple test to determine the needs of the soil on the farm or in the field where it is desired to grow clover may be made by setting aside a small plot of ground in the field for experimental purposes and trying different treatments of the soil as regards lime, fertilizers, etc.

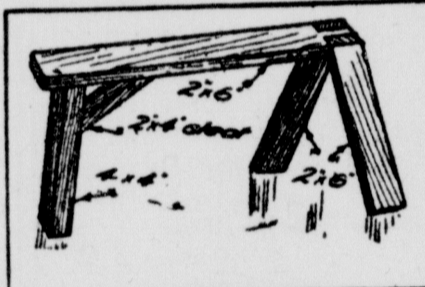
An arrangement of a series of eight plots for such a test is suggested by the United States Department of Agriculture. The strip of land to be used for the test should be as near representative of the field as is possible to determine from superficial observation. Divide it into eight plots of equal size. Leave the first plot untreated for a check on the treated plots. On the second spread lime alone, on the third lime and phosphate, on the fourth lime and manure, on the fifth manure alone, on the sixth manure and phosphate, on the seventh phosphate alone, and leave the eighth untreated for another check.

By this arrangement all the lime and all of the manure can be applied to the experimental plot in one continuous area. The phosphate alone must be applied to separate areas, and phosphate is the easiest to apply. A ton of ground limestone and 250 to 300 pounds of 16 per cent acid phosphate per acre is suggested unless the land is known to be very poor in lime, when two tons of ground limestone may be applied. In this outline no potash has been suggested. Potash plots can be inserted if desired, but over most of the clover area scarcity of phosphate is much more common than scarcity of potash, and by following the outline suggested here the farmer is likely to find which fertilizer is best to use. This outline illustrates the principle of definite experimentation and can be varied to suit the kind of information wanted.

## Three-Legged Sawhorse Is Useful Implement

There is a particular advantage in owning a sawhorse like the one shown when it is to be used out of doors. The ground is seldom level, and the horse with four legs tips back and forth when one attempts to use it, unless one leg is blocked, says a writer in *Successful Farming*.

The horse is made in the usual way, with the exception of one end. Here



A Three-legged Sawhorse.

a single leg made from a 4 by 4 supplants the two. It is braced with a short piece as shown.

Fir is ideal for making this sawhorse because it is tough, firm and relatively light.

The third leg in no way prevents its use on floors and other level surfaces.

## Control of Corn Rot Is Aided by Crop Rotation

"Good seed, good soil and careful culture are required to meet the problem of corn rot," thinks M. T. Myers, who has been making a careful investigation of the corn-rot situation in Ohio.

Root rot and ear rot are caused by different organisms, he finds. The rot that attacks the roots comes from a spore that stays in the field from year to year. It winters over in stalks and other crop debris left in the fields, particularly fields that are low in fertility. Rotation of crops, thorough tillage and fertilizer are the most important weapons with which to fight this disease, Myers finds.

Ear rots, indicated by molds and discolorations ranging from pink through white, gray or brown at harvest time, are caused by spores carried in the wind. Careful seed selection and germination tests are the main line of defense against this disease.

## Agricultural Notes

It is safer not to farm at all than to farm half-way.

"Efficient" farming means producing high grade products at the lowest possible cost.

If you want to throw away money, leave stable manure exposed in the barnyard. Three months will slice \$25 from \$100 worth.

Many a hen and many an incubator have been blamed for a poor hatch, when the fault lay with the man who handled the eggs.

How would the man who lets his horses go three or four days without fresh bedding "cut up" if his wife went away for one night and took with her all the blankets?

## Says Engine Whistles Need to Be Improved

A whistle is only a whistle, but even a whistle is susceptible to improvement. Locomotive whistles in particular are open to criticism, according to Prof. Arthur L. Foley of Indiana university, says the New York World.

Professor Foley is head of the physics department and also of the Waterman Institute for Scientific Research at the university.

The popular "chime" whistle, with its comparatively low-pitched notes, he maintains, is only about one-sixth as effective a warning as would be a high-pitched single note.

As for the position, Professor Foley contends that it's all wrong. The ordinary whistle has in front of it the smokestack, bell, steam dome and electric generator, not to speak of a blanket of hot gases.

The result is that its sound is broadcast to the sides of the track instead of directly ahead where it is desired. By altering the position and changing the note many lives could be saved.

Another factor against the chime type of whistle is its cost. According to Professor Foley's calculations it takes 2,434,026 tons of coal per year to utter the toots of the nation's engines.

The adoption of a shrill, single-tone whistle would effect, according to his figures, an annual saving in railroad coal bills of approximately \$5,000,000.

## Tact Makes an Honest Employee of a Thief

A salesgirl in a department store was caught stealing. The superintendent confronted her with the evidence and asked her to sign a confession. After she had done so, he sealed the confession in an envelope and put his own name on it.

"This goes into a strong box," he said, "and nobody but you and I will ever know about it—provided you do what I ask. First, I want your promise never to do it again and then I want to know just why you thought you must have more money." She told her story. There was sickness at home, and her need for money was not because of mere craving for luxuries. The superintendent sent her invalid sister to a hospital at the store's expense.

That was nine years ago, and the salesgirl is today not only one of the store's valuable employees but one of the most loyal. The little envelope has been burned long ago.—Nation's Business.

## Fate on Strange Career

The Paris courts report one of the most curious series of incidents yet laid before legal students in the case of a Paris woman who, on the occasion of two previous weddings, had lost her husband in an auto accident while en route home from the wedding ceremony. She recently married a third time and as the burial car was speeding home it collided with a vehicle and the third husband was killed in a manner almost identical with the fate of the first two. The courts took cognizance of the series of strange mishaps, because in the case of the second husband's death the woman asked damages.

## This One Doesn't Pucker

Persimmons are scheduled for a rise in popularity. At last a persimmon has been found which will not pucker the mouth no matter how green it is when eaten. It is the Fuyu persimmon, which the United States Department of Agriculture has introduced from Japan and predicts will become one of our leading varieties. The Fuyu has a beautiful golden orange color, is ideal for shipping and, what is more to the taste, is never astringent and can be eaten with enjoyment even when still hard.

## Eras of Time

The year 1924 corresponds to other reckonings as follows: 1342-3 of the Mohammedan era, the year 1343 beginning August 1; 4621 (nearly) of the Chinese era, beginning January 2; 2236 of the Grecian era; 5684-5 of the Jewish era, the year 5685 beginning September 28; 7433 of the Byzantine era, which begins September 1; 2584 of the Japanese era and 6637 of the Julian period.

## Some of Her Best Friends

Marjorie, aged six, shocked her mother by picking up the saucer in which she had had her strawberries and cream and licking it vigorously with her little pink tongue.

"Why, Marjorie!" reproved her mother. "What disgraceful manners! Whom have you ever seen doing that?"

"Dogs," said Marjorie curtly.—Youth's Companion.

## His Mite

Judge—Why did you offer resistance to the officer who was trying to arrest you?

Prisoner—Because, your honor, I didn't have anything else to offer him.—Chicago Tribune.

## Lagniappe

Cupid has less to do and more to regret than most gods.

Yesterday we scoffed at airships. Hard work has its good points, mostly calloused.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

## Right Materials to Reduce Potato Scab

Disease Has Been Cause of Serious Losses.

In view of the great tendency of scab to appear when the soil is alkaline, Dr. W. H. Martin, specialist in potato diseases at the New Jersey State College of Agriculture, suggests that the potato grower exercise caution in the use of alkaline materials such as lime and nitrate of soda.

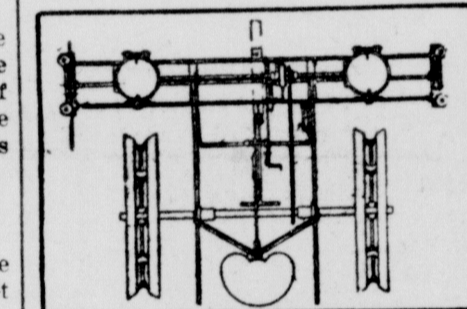
Potato scab has long been the cause of serious losses to the potato growers of the state. Although this disease was less severe than usual during the past season, few fields were observed to be entirely free from it. Many fields were observed where as much as 90 per cent of the crop was so scabby as to be unsalable. It is recognized that scab is usually most severe on an alkaline soil and that as the soil acidity is increased the severity of the scab attack decreases.

One instance was noticed recently by the potato specialists, where all of the nitrogen in a complete fertilizer was derived from nitrate of soda, with the result that a large portion of the crop was so scabby as to be unsalable. On this same farm, on land where sulphate of ammonia was used as a source of nitrogen, a considerable reduction in scab was observed.

The influence of ammonium sulphate and nitrate of soda in the development of scab is shown by the results of a test conducted in 1921. Where all nitrate of soda was used only 20 per cent of the crop was clean, as compared with 42 per cent where sulphate of ammonia was used. In view of these results the potato grower can well afford to give serious consideration to the question of source of nitrogen in his potato fertilizer and avoid the use of large amounts of nitrate of soda where scabby potatoes have been grown in the past. Further information on this subject may be obtained by writing to the New Jersey Agricultural experiment station at New Brunswick.

## Check Row Corn Planter Improved by Illinoisian

Check row corn planters came out first in the time of our grandfathers, but improvements are being made year by year, as inventors find something that needs improving. A Rock Island (Ill.) inventor has patented the parts of a planter described here. The front runner and rear frames are



Corn Planter.

hinged together, each check row having a hinged part and a catch. A single flexible cord or cable extends from one to the other, and is supported on the front runner frame. A rock shaft is mounted on the rear main frame to swing vertically therewith. When rocked by the treadle, two cord-engaging elements on the rock shaft frame exert longitudinal tension on the end parts of the cords.

## Fertilizer Safe to Use on Land Not Fertilized

The safe use of fertilizer is not in continued applications of it to succeeding crops, but in occasional use and always on land not fertilized the year before. While one application increases the yield and quality of grain, the continued use of fertilizer is to exhaust the land and lose in the end more than we gain. Fertilizer is not a royal road to success, nor is it a substance for crop rotation or barnyard manure.

The chief benefit in its use on corn-belt soils is in the start it gives crops and consequent root system developed, enabling winter wheat to withstand a severe winter with nominal loss. The necessity of late sowing to avoid Hessian fly infestation gives wheat a late start. Where fertility is short, the plant has little root growth before frost checks growth entirely for the season. Fertilizer fits in in such a case, but not in continued use on the same land and crop.

## General Farm Hints

Guard rails in the pig pen keep the sow from mashing her young.

The only advantage of a scrub cow is that it doesn't take so long to milk her.

Grandpa says: Some men who complain about bad weather are still planting bad seed.

In some cases the egg-eating hen can only be cured by a dose of iron—applied with the hatchet.

By making repairs on machinery easier and better a farm shop soon results in less repairs to be made.

If the per cent of ammonia, phosphoric acid, and potash in a fertilizer does not total 14 per cent, buy something else. High-analysis fertilizers pay.

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## TUESDAY

Special Attraction with "Black Oxen". Don't fail to hear it. MISS EDNA DEAL and her Southern Syncopate Band render musical selections—Jazz, Instrumental and Old-time Melodies. She is "great" and will be at the Malone Theatre Tuesday evening as an added attraction. Admission 25c and 50c

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DOROTHY MACKAILL and  
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## THURSDAY

GENEVIEVE TOBIN in  
"No Mother to Guide Her"  
A human drama of life's pit-falls. Also "FIGHTING BLOOD"  
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## FRIDAY

COLLEEN MOORE, MILTON SILLS, ELLIOT DEXER, SYLVIA BREMER & MYRTLE STEDMAN in

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How far can a girl go? She smoked cigarettes. She drank. She went to petting parties. She led the pace of the gayest life in the gayest of society. And yet she claimed to be respectable. The men liked her, but there were certain young men who were not seeking her as a wife. Why? she wondered. Had she gone too far? A startling expose of modern society. Also Comedy and Educational reel Frogland Adm. 15c & 35c  
Matinee 3:00 Adm. 10c & 30c

## SATURDAY

WILLIAM S. HART in  
"Wagon Tracks"  
Also "WAY OF A MAN"  
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## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS FROM MATTHEWS

Presiding Elder Johnson, and his daughter and Rev. S. Gouvette of Sikeston were in Matthews Thursday evening to hold the quarterly conference. A fine sermon was preached by P. E. Johnson, which was very much enjoyed by the people who were in attendance. After services the conference was held.

W. H. Deane and G. F. Deane motored to New Madrid, Monday, on business.

Mr. and Mrs. George Arterburn and daughter, Mrs. Chester Limbaugh, of Sikeston, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Critchlow, Sunday.

Mrs. Hessley returned to her home in Kentucky last week, after a few days visit with her sister, Mrs. J. W. Emory.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCarthy

and children and Miss Elrene Shelton of Sikeston visited relatives in Matthews, Sunday.

Dr. J. F. Waters took John Gossitt to Cairo to the hospital last week for a thorough examination. Mr. Gossitt has been in bad health the past few months and seemed to be growing weaker. The doctors, after a thorough examination, stated he was in a very critical condition and the best of care must be taken of him. His many friends were sorry to hear of his condition, but are hoping for his recovery soon. Mr. Gossitt is well known over the vicinity and has lived in and around Matthews a long number of years.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Matthews and Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Boyer and little daughter of Sikeston visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Weatherford, Sunday. Miss Ozetta Brumfield accompanied them home to spend the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lancaster of Kewanee visited their son, Homer Lan-

caster and family, Sunday.

Mrs. C. Patton and little son returned home Thursday from Sikeston, where she has been several days visiting relatives.

Miss Dorothy Waters spent Friday evening in Sikeston with Mr. and Mrs. Grover Heath.

Mrs. Grissom of East Prairie is visiting with her daughter, Mrs. J. W. Emory.

The tornado which swept over the country Friday night, did much damage around Matthews. A number of houses, barns, sheds, etc., were blown down and some people were killed. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sires, living about 5 or 6 miles southeast of Matthews came to their death by the storm. This elderly couple were working for Orbie Doutty and lived only a short distance from the Doutty family. It was reported that this family could hear Mr. and Mrs. Sires screaming during the storm. Just as soon as the storm ceased, Mr. and Mrs. Sires were taken to the Doutty home, where medical aid was summoned as soon as possible. Dr. Waters went and did all he could, but they were injured internally. Mr. Sires died at 7:00 a. m. Saturday and Mrs. Sires lived until 5:00 p. m. the following day. Their suffering must have been intense the number of hours they lived as they were in such condition. The house was torn to pieces. Their remains were conveyed to the Farrenburg church Sunday, where funeral services were conducted by Rev. Johnson. Interment was made in the Farrenburg cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Sires leave to mourn their death, two sons, John Sires of St. Louis and Berse Sires of this place and a host of friends and relatives.

Mrs. Frank Smotherman of St. Louis is visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roe Hill.

The Woman's Club will meet at the City Hall on Tuesday afternoon, April 9th.

Once more the straight-brim sailor hat returns. It is smaller than heretofore, in deference to the cloche and other small hat vogues, but it is definitely here as the ideal hat for the strictly tailored ensemble.

It is difficult to distinguish today the wrap-around dress from the wrap around coat in London. In fact, they are at times interchangeable, as in the case of a very fine gray twill fastening on only one hip, which may be worn as frock or top coat.

WANTED—Dress making and plain sewing. Have pleased some of the best people in and around Sikeston and I can please you. New clothes made out of old. Prices reasonable. First door north M. E. Church, on Kingshighway, 4tpd. 1 issue w.

## Observing Arbor Day Is Big Event

Associated With Patriotic  
and Esthetic as Well as  
Economic Ideas.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Arbor day has become associated all over the United States with patriotic and esthetic as well as economic ideas. It is at once a means of doing practical good to the community and an incentive to civic betterment, says the United States Department of Agriculture. The planting of trees by school children is usually accompanied by ceremonies intended both to impress upon those present the beauty of trees and their effect in improving the appearance of school grounds, streets, parks and highways and to lead them to a realization of the value of community national foresight.

Time of Observance Varies. The time of observance of Arbor day varies greatly in different states and countries, being determined somewhat by the climatic conditions. Sometimes a day which is already a holiday is selected, as in Alabama and Texas, where Washington's birthday has been chosen. In many states of the Union it is combined with "bird day." In general the date is early in the year in the South and is set further along toward summer in the more northern states, beginning in February and ending in May. More than half the states have enacted a law for the observance of that day.

Planting of trees on Arbor day can provide a direct economic resource only in comparatively treeless regions or where windbreaks and timber and fuel for the home and neighborhood use are needed. Forest plantations, whose chief purpose is the raising of timber for commercial use or the protection of watersheds upon which cities and towns depend for their water supply, must be left to foresters. However, yearly plantings accompanied by appropriate exercises serve to keep the people continually reminded of the value and necessity of the work of the foresters, and they have such a far-reaching effect on the community spirit, and through that on economic and social betterment, that no community can afford to neglect Arbor day.

Teach Important Lesson. An even more important lesson—the damage done to our natural parks and woods by the thoughtless and selfish vandal—may be taught through a judicious observance of the day. What fire is to the forest, this marauder is to the community park and woodlands in the destruction of ornamental trees and shrubs. The national and state governments are using every possible means to educate the public in the care of the forest, whose relation to the welfare of man is becoming more and better understood with every passing year of education and co-operation.

## Keeping Silo Doors in Place While Emptying

A large percentage of farm silos have removable doors. As they are taken out when feeding the silage they are sometimes dropped to the bottom and put in the barn or piled somewhere for safe keeping.

As the doors are taken out I find it far better to stick the top door under the eaves somewhere and then as each door comes out slip it in the opening above, says an Ohio writer in Successful Farming. When the silo is empty, the doors are all in place. This helps to hold the empty silo rigid while it is empty. Empty silos are the ones affected by heavy winds. In filling the silo the replacing is reversed so that when the top is reached the last door is under the roof just where you want it.

This saves a lot of bother during filling, as many farmers fasten each door on a rope and haul it up the chute as the silo fills up. Tramping silage keeps it lots more than pulling doors.

## Alfalfa Is One of Most Profitable Farm Crops

Where the soil is suitable for alfalfa, it is one of the most profitable crops for the stockman, the diversified farmer, or the cotton farmer, and where possible, every farm should have an alfalfa patch, the size to be governed by the amount of hay and pasture needed to maintain the live stock kept on the farm. Many have been discouraged because some writer would have one think that its requirements are such as to exclude the average dirt farmer. By following a few simple suggestions any farmer can tell whether his soil is suited to grow alfalfa, and should the soil be suited, he can, by carefully observing a few points, grow it successfully and with profit to himself.

## Reduction Made in Cost by Using Very Best Seed

If farmers had to use the seed generally grown fifty years ago, many of them would be bankrupt and the remainder would be producing crops at 40 per cent greater cost than at the present time. Likewise it would be possible to make a further reduction of 15 per cent by using today the very best seed of varieties known to be adapted to our conditions. These statements are based on figures compiled by the Kansas State Agricultural college in which seed such as was used in early days has been compared with varieties generally grown at the present time.

# THANK YOU!

As long as the tide in our lives roll on, we sincerely hope our common sense and decency will cause us to say "THANK YOU" for a favor.

For if we scatter the seeds of "THANK YOU" about us, some of these seeds are bound to grow up and bear good fruit.

Last September, when we opened HARDWICK'S ECONOMY CENTER, we solicited the patronage of the residents of Sikeston and vicinity, pledging in return a policy of "Quality, Values and Service."

To those friends who so generously responded and helped to build this successful business in so short a period, we want to announce that we have transferred our interests in it to Mr. H. A. Hill and Mrs. Adelaide Stewart, who will operate the store under the name of H. and S. Economy Store, Mr. Hill, the manager, who has been with us for some time, will unquestionably strive to maintain in the business those three essentials on which it was originally founded: Quality, Values, Service.

In expressing our appreciation for your patronage and good will, we believe in all sincerity that education, eloquence and zeal cannot reach your heart as can the little short sentence—"THANK YOU."

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## DAVIS WILL NOT TRY POLITICAL TRICKERY

Washington, March 31.—John W. Davis, former ambassador to Great Britain, whose availability for the Democratic nomination for president has been widely discussed, has written a friend in the Senate rejecting any suggestion that he drop his present legal connections in order to strengthen his political position.

"Any lawyer who surrenders his independence by trimming his professional course to fit the gusts of popular opinion in my judgment not only dishonors himself, but degrades his great profession," the letter said. "I tell you in candor that I would not pay this price for any honor in the gift of man."

Any home can have music. Have our salesman explain.—Lairs.

A Mah Jong Club was organized at the home of Miss Elizabeth Welch Wednesday evening. The Club will meet every Thursday night at the home of the members. The members are: Misses Francoise Black, Irene Cox, Dorothy Miller, Lillian Kendall, Elizabeth Welch, Mrs. Carl Freeman and Mrs. Chester Limbaugh. Their next meeting place will be at the home of Miss Francoise Black, Thursday evening of next week.

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## ONE OF BIGGEST FILMS OF THE YEAR COMING

"Black Oxen", a Frank Lloyd production, released through First National Pictures, and featuring Corinne Griffith and Conway Tearle, is to be the photoplay offering at the Majestic Theatre, Monday and Tuesday and the booking is looked upon as one of the big cinema events of the season.

The best selling novel of 1923, in book form "Black Oxen" is said to have been greatly enhanced by the elaborate filming. Mr. Lloyd has given it. Dealing with the romance that develops when the rejuvenated Madame Zatianny returns to America on a business trip and finds the first true love she has known, "Black Oxen" presents more than usual interest to picturegoers, it is said. Mr. Lloyd, with the aid of Mary O'Hara, prepared the scenario from which the film play was made, and as a result, critics state, the story runs its length with pleasing rapidity and increasing

Corinne Griffith, regarded as one of filmdom's most beautiful and smartest dressed stars, essays hte difficult dual character of Madame Zatianny, and Conway Tearle has been cast as the ramcless newspaper writer, Lee Clavering. Clara Bow, a 17-year-old girl who but recently made her screen debut, was selected for the role of the flapperish Janet Oglethorpe from more than fifty well known screen ingenues and established apper types; Alan Hale is seen as Prince Monriz von Hohenhauer; Kate Lester, as Jane Oglethorpe; Harry Mestayer, as Jim Oglethorpe; Claire MacDowell, as Agnes Trevor; Clarissa Selwynne, as Gora Dwight; Tom Guise, as Judge Trent, and Lincoln Stedman, as Donnie Ferren, who had a weakness for parties and an utter disregard for Mr. Volstead and his ideas.

"Black Oxen" will be given a fitting presentation here, an elaborate musical and short reel program having been arranged to accompany the screening of the celebrated drama.



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## Coolidge and Hyde Indorsed

Poplar Bluff, April 2.—Republicans of the Fourteenth Congressional District, in convention here yesterday, selected two delegates and two alternates to the Republican National Convention and indorsed one presidential elector. The outstanding fact of the meeting was the unanimous Coolidge sentiment. The Hyde element of the party was so decidedly in the saddle that there was no strength of opposition.

The delegates are, James A. Finch, of New Madrid, and Mrs. Sallie J. Adams, of Ava. They were instructed for Coolidge and Hyde, for presidency and vice-presidency, respectively, but uninstructed as to their other choices. Finch and Mrs. Adams, in an interview following the convention, expressed themselves as favoring Dr. Clements of Macon for member of the National Committee, and Mrs. Grace Semple Burlingham of St. Louis as national committee-woman. R. M. Hitt of Koshkonong was indorsed for presidential elector.

R. L. Ward of Caruthersville was in Sikeston, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Finley were guests of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Byrd, of Charleston.

Mrs. Robt. Law entertained several of her friends with a Bridge party at her home Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Joe Howlett and Mrs. W. T. Marshall of Charleston, who spent Thursday with Mrs. Moore Greer, motored to Risco, where they spent the week-end with Mrs. Howlett's daughter, Miss Martha, who is teaching school there.

Madame Colby, a most charming lady, comes to Sikeston as a representative of Richard Hudnut, of New York. She is devoting her time while here to entertaining the ladies of our city and interesting them in the art of facial beautifying. She shows the value of using the best face powders and other toilet articles. Madame Colby is a beauty expert, having spent years in Italy fitting herself for her work. She is so well known in the line that her services are eagerly sought by patrons of the firm she represents. She is receiving a most cordial welcome and many ladies are learning "the art preservative", which puts the bloom of youth on the faces of all women alike regardless of years. This is a rare opportunity which is offered by Hudnuts to Sikeston, and the ladies of our city are urged to come and see Madame Colby during her stay with us, the week of April 7 to 12.

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL FROM NEW MADRID

W. A. Welch of Sikeston made a business trip to New Madrid last Saturday.

Mrs. R. E. Anderson and daughter left Friday for San Antonio, Texas, where her husband has a position with an electrical company. En route, she will visit her sister, Miss Julia Griffith at Shreveport, La. She was accompanied as far as Blytheville by her mother, Mrs. Mary Griffith, who spent a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Oscar Wilkinson and family.

Attorney E. F. Sharp and C. M. Barnes of Marston spent Monday in New Madrid on business.

M. F. Ehlers returned Sunday from Kansas City, where he spent the week on business.

Mrs. E. A. Loud and daughters, Misses Gladys and Eddy, were Cape Girardeau visitors last Saturday.

Judge and Mrs. James A. Finch were Sikeston visitors last Monday.

Harry Powers of Memphis arrived the first of the week on a visit to his mother, Mrs. Georgetta Powers, and sister, Mrs. E. A. Loud and family.

A terrific wind storm struck New Madrid last Friday, shortly after midnight. No damage was in the city limits. A tenant house occupied by colored people by the name of Gray, was completely demolished. The house was blown over the fence and turned over a couple of times, and caught fire, burning the woman. It was thought she was killed by a machine and the heavy timbers of the house, under which she was pinned, before the house was afire. All were dazed, but the son managed to drag his father and another man out of the house. The outbuildings of W. D. Howard were completely wrecked. The roof from the porch of the house, occupied by Clay Scott, owned by Mrs. M. V. Frances, was blown off, considerable damage was done to the furniture, but none of the family injured. A small house on the farm of Mrs. Annie Phillips was blown away, also one on the place owned by W. D. Knott, was damaged.

L. B. Howard and son, J. H. Howard and Luke B. Howard, Jr., and A. F. Moore motored to Jackson Sunday and spent the day.

Mrs. Herman Walfron and daughter, Jeanette, of Puxico, and Mrs. R. Brenner and little daughter of Clarksville, Tenn., are guests of their father, M. Frankle, of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Barkevitz and daughter, Miss Annie, and son, Robert of Portageville, were Sunday guests at the Frankle home last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Post of Parma were business visitors in New Madrid Monday.

Atty. Geo. H. Traylor attended Court in Poplar Bluff this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Miles entertained Monday evening with a farewell party, complimentary to Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Humphreys. The house was prettily decorated with Easter flowers and the color scheme of yellow and white were carried out in the delicious refreshments of ice cream and cake. Those who enjoyed the evening playing Rook were: Rev. and Mrs. Humphreys, Mr. and Mrs. John Riley, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Stepp, Supt. and Mrs. A. M. Shaw, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Buesching, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Ehlers, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Loud, Profs. F. R. Harrison and Woodyard, Mesdames Fannie Fine, Ida Stepp and James A. Finch, Miss Mables Mecklem and Miss Nancy Mecklem.

Wm. Meatte, Olin Penninger, Harrison Chamber and Pink Wright were making whiskey in the woods near Little River, four miles west of Marston, last Thursday. Friday night, Meatte missed 5 gallons and accused them stealing it and shot and killed Penninger and shot the arm off of Chambers. Meatte is out on \$10,000 bond to appear at a preliminary trial before R. L. Terry, at New Madrid, April 5.

Misses Catherine Finch, Florence and Alice Crisler, Nan Riley, Abigail Rickus, Itelle Fakes, Helen Hart, Mesdames A. T. Henry and Jas. A. Finch, Prof. F. R. Harrison, Walker Reeves, John Ehlers and Herman Crisler attended the Methodist Young Peoples Convention at Benton Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Prof. Harrison was elected President of the Convention for the ensuing year and Florence Crisler, Secretary.

Mrs. L. G. Mendenhouser and boys are in St. Louis for a month's visit.

Atty. G. H. Traylor, Wm. B. Finch and Mr. and Mrs. James A. Finch attended the Republican Convention at Poplar Bluff Tuesday. Judge Finch was elected a delegate from this District to the National Convention to be held at Cleveland, O.

Homer Lynn and family of Charleston spent several hours in New Madrid, Saturday.

Judge W. L. Stacy and wife, accompanied by W. A. Goodpasture of Sikeston, visited Mrs. Stacy's sister, Mrs. Sarah Stepp, Sunday.

The following were elected in the City election: Mayor, S. L. Hunter, Jr.; Collector, L. A. Richards; Marshal, Sanders Hampton; Alderman 1st Ward, J. W. Newsum; 2nd Ward, Peter Smith; 3rd Ward, W. D. Knott. W. N. O'Bannon and D. B. Riley were elected School Directors.

## Washington Spy Service

Armies of private detectives have been built up in the Treasury Department, the Postoffice Department and above all in the Department of Justice. Such organizations are wholly undesirable even when devoted to the public service. \*\*\* It is an employment which attracts an inferior personnel in the first place, and debauches even them; and it gains no results worth having which could not be achieved in other ways. Unfortunately, this objection is far from being the worst. There is every reason to believe that the spy system of the Government has been used in the attempt to hamper the investigations, now in progress, of corruption in high places. \*\*\* New members of Congress are shadowed for weeks after their first arrival in Washington. Rooms in the Congressional office buildings are entered at night and rifled. Important papers mysteriously disappear. Telephone wires are tapped. An atmosphere such as this generates a moral miasma. Honest men, with nothing to conceal, are cowed and terrorized by the fear that evidence of wrongdoing will be trumped up against them. The greatest task in generations now confronts the American people: the task of turning out the whole rotten crew who, like rats in a palace, have ensconced themselves in the executive branch of the Federal government. Getting rid of the spies, the whole lot of them, is one of the most important parts of that task.—New Republic.

Leslie Pate of Charleston was a visitor in Sikeston, Tuesday.

E. J. Keith is spending a few days at Union, Mo., looking after the interest of his farm here.

W. B. Guess and daughter have returned from a several days visit with relatives at Havana, Mo.

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## ANNOUNCEMENT

We wish to announce to our friends and customers that Mrs. Adelaide Stewart has purchased the interest of Mr. S. B. Hardwick in Hardwick's "Economy Center" and that hereafter the store will be known as the H. and S. Economy Store.

We are indeed sorry to lose Mr. Hardwick, but we shall endeavor to retain his spirit in the business by giving you service as well as merchandise.

Mr. Hill, who has been a partner in the store almost since it opened, will continue as manager, and his close association with Mr. Hardwick will enable him to continue the policies of the old firm.

We wish to thank our friends for their patronage in the past and it has been a pleasure to please you and we assure you we shall do everything in our power to serve you in the future.

H—AND—S  
Economy Store

## TWO MEN SHOT NEAR LILBOURN LAST FRIDAY

Word was received here a few days ago of a serious shooting affair which occurred last Friday afternoon near Lilbourn, where Bill Meatte, a well known New Madrid county citizen maintained a hunting and trapping camp. A man named Penninger was instantly killed, one named Chambers was wounded about the neck and shoulders and Pink Wright and a man named Shaffer ran for it and got away.

The men were caught by Meatte in the act of taking meat from his smoke house, according to Meatte's story. He has maintained a camp there on the upper part of Little River for several years, where he has hunted and trapped for a living. Recently he has suspicioned these men of taking his supplies and when they visited his camp Friday afternoon he laid a trap for them by leaving the premises and stating he would be away looking after certain traps, etc., perhaps the rest of the afternoon. He returned in a short time, however, and crept up unknown to the visitors, finding them in the act of taking his meat. He opened fire on them with a shot gun, according to our information, with the result above stated. Chambers will probably recover.

After the shooting Meatte called to a neighbor and asked him to remain in charge and see that the bodies nor anything else were disturbed, and he went to Marston, where he surrendered to a deputy sheriff and asked him to come back and survey the scene of the killing, where also later the inquest was held. Meatte is now being held in jail at New Madrid, awaiting preliminary hearing.

The men who were shot are members of the gang who are said to be outlaws or at the best of low repute, and there seems to be little doubt they had been preying off of Meatte for some time. The latter is a man of probably fifty years and has borne a good reputation so far as being law abiding and peaceable is concerned, we are advised. He has a son at Lilbourn in the grocery business, but this comprises all his family so far as we can learn.—Caruthersville Democrat.

The Sikeston Standard, \$1.50 year.

Mrs. Summers of Canolou is the guest of Mrs. R. D. Baker, on Trotter street.

The W. B. A. Camp Club girls here will be entertained with a dinner dance by the Marston W. B. A. Camp Club Girls at Marston Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Derris and family, Mrs. A. C. Etzel and Mrs. Glenn Fish motored to Birds Point, Sunday.

The Music Club met Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. J. W. Black. Their next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. S. P. Brite.

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Come and try the delicious cake or a cup of the famous Richelieu Coffee

Aluminum premium with each can of baking powder or sack of flour sold this day only.

## SCOTT COUNTY MAN IS BURNED

Salcedo, Mo., April 2.—Hez Ozment, one of the best known farmers of Scott County, was seriously burned Tuesday morning when a can of gasoline with which he and his son were starting a gasoline pumping engine, exploded. Ozment had adjusted the carburetor of the engine and had placed a small can of gasoline under it when a back-fire occurred, igniting the "gas."

Young Ozment, in attempting to hurl the can out of the pump-house, threw the blazing gasoline on his father, igniting his clothes and inflicting serious burns.

Ozment's presence of mind is the only thing that saved his life, it is said. As soon as he realized his danger, the farmer jumped over a fence into a big water trough which was fortunately full of water. Physicians say that, although his condition is serious, unless complications appear, he will recover. The son, Donald Ozment, was also painfully burned on the hands and legs.

## STATE SENATOR SEEKS NEW ADDING MACHINE CASE DELAY

Jefferson City, April 2.—Attorneys for State Senator Tillman W. Anderson of Commerce, Mo., who is charged with the theft of an adding machine from the State Capitol during the last session of the Legislature, have notified the Attorney-General they will seek another postponement of the trial, scheduled for April 7, at Linn, Osage County, because of the illness of A. T. Dumm of Jefferson City, one of the defense attorneys.

Attorney-General Barrett has indicated that the State is not favorable to another delay.

The charges against Senator Anderson were brought in April, 1923, following investigation of the disappearance of typewriters, desk lamps and other property from the Capitol, at the adjournment of the Legislature. The investigators reported today they found an adding machine and a typewriter identified as State property at Anderson's home in Commerce. Anderson said he borrowed the property. Similar informations were filed against Representative Allen D. Morrison and his clerk, Nile Davidson, both of Green City, Sullivan County, charging them with the theft of two typewriters. At their preliminary hearing at Milan, last Tuesday, a Justice of the Peace dismissed the charges on the ground the State failed to prove the typewriters ever had been in the county. State officers said Morrison admitted having the typewriters but asserted he borrowed them.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Swanagon, of Brinkley, Ark., and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Swanagon of Kennett, who attended the funeral of their grandmother, Mrs. Stallion, returned to their respective homes, Tuesday.

No one was hurt in the automobile accident which occurred Tuesday afternoon at the corner of Malone avenue and Scott street, though both cars were badly damaged. The Ford coupe belonged to L. C. Davey, and was driven by Mrs. Nelson. The Ford touring car belonged to Lon Buckles and was driven by Paul Gentles. An investigation is being made to see which party was the cause of the accident. A hearing will be held on Monday, April 7th, at the City Hall.

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## SAYS MIDKIFF KILLED GREEN

Benton, April 2.—Frank Midkiff killed John Green with a blow on the head with a hammer, and then set fire to the house to cover up the crime, Walter Houck, who said he was one of Midkiff's companions, told a jury in circuit court today, hearing the testimony in Midkiff's trial for the murder of the prosperous negro, north of Jackson, two years ago.

"Midkiff hit Green with the hammer and then John Biddy took the money, which was in three pocket-books, out of his pocket," the witness testified. "After Midkiff set fire to the house we went away and divided the money."

Houck, who is a farm hand, said that he and Midkiff were accompanied by John Biddy, Delbert Midkiff and Wilson White, a negro, and that Midkiff asked him to go along to "get some easy money."

Such Is Fame!

Name three story writers, now dead, who were famous ten years ago. Well, then, name three high-brow men of letters who were in their glory ten years ago and now are dead. Name the gentlemen who flew across the Atlantic. If that is too much, name those who now are attempting a fight around the world. Name six former Congressmen who have been out of office six years. Name twenty Senators who are on the job now. Name the members of the Cabinet and give their initials. No? Well, well; it is a cruel world for celebrities. The newspapers made it that way. The newspapers, having assumed an obligation to discover interesting news in the four corners of the earth and tell home folk about it, cannot loaf on the job and keep the pot boiling. Gathering fresh news means the making of fresh headlines, and fresh headlines mean new celebrities. Each celebrity in turn occupies the spotlight for a day or a week, and is thrust aside by another. \* \* \* The old-timers who occupy a place in history were not supermen. Some of them were mediocrities. But they had little competition, and the things they did moderately well caused great astonishment. The ancient who wrote a poem or painted a picture or made a speech awoke to find himself famous; but now everybody is writing or painting pictures or making speeches. And each must hire a press agent to attract the world's attention.—Baltimore Sun.

Mrs. Carl Wesafill of Kennett, who has been the guest of her mother, Mrs. Swanagon, returned home Wednesday.

Green Lesner reports he is doing good in the paper business. He has been delivering the papers here for the past ten months. Sunday, March 30th, he drew 1012 papers and sold 985 of them. On Tuesday, April 1, he drew 905 and sold 900.

Sikeston's school enrollment for the year has reached 1400, as compared with 1000 heretofore; the largest month being 1179; instead of 905 as formerly. The largest average daily attendance was 996 in February, as against a previous record of 835. Half the increase is colored and half of that non-resident. This increase has been taken care of by building a negro school, employing one extra teacher, and crowding several more rooms. A few more teachers will be needed next year.

Miss Maudie Walker spent Tuesday at Charleston with relatives. Cecil Reed and mother of Benton were the Wednesday guests of Mrs. Bill Malone.

An impression that Mr. Bryan means to grab the nomination at New York seems growing in the country. It is pointed out that he has by this time a candidate for the nomination in most of the states, and oldsters recalling bits of the Bryan strategy say this was always effective. It really would not surprise us to see something of the sort happen. Mr. Bryan has never liked New York. He has blamed Wall street for his numerous defeats. He feels that except for the antagonism of wealth he would have spent in the White House at least eight of the years through which he has languished in exile on the chautauqua circuit. His thirst for revenge could hardly resist the temptation to lift the nomination out of the very lap of Wall street and make off with it very much as the piper's son did with the celebrated pig. Much less amusing things than this could happen, and few such likely fears are afoot.—McAdams in Post-Dispatch.

Ewell Barger and family of Wardell spent Thursday in Sikeston with relatives.

If there be anything wrong with the statements on subscription being sent out by this office the management will be glad to make same satisfactory. Many have responded and others will follow but if there be any who do not want the paper nor intend to pay for it, for goodness sake have manhood enough to pay up and order it stopped that we will not be out paper and postage.

The last three years cost the editor about \$7,000 in cash, and Milton and Ben, our two boys, long hours of hard work in an endeavor to make our fortune farming and raising Poland China hogs. We still owe considerable money but hope to clean up all of it this year. After all we suppose it is all right as the boys had no time for crap shooting and other such games, and they have developed into a pair of sterling young men that the wife and I are mighty proud of. They are worth the money.

We would not say that because increasing the tariff on wheat is followed by a decline in wheat prices we are to consider most operations of the tariff at all inscrutable. We do wish the Globe-Democrat would not try to make us do it. We are quite aware that the Republicans would like to have us accept that as the complete answer to all the hard things said about the tariff, but judging by the political uproar throughout the Northwest the time has passed when people are so ingenuous. The Republican insurgents call the tariff a subsidy. They do not refer to it in even the polite terms of their former acceptance of it. They do not want a tariff on wheat or any other farm products. They want a subsidy on farm products such as the tariff is upon industrial products. Either that, they say, or no subsidies—that is tariff—for anybody. The spectacle of Mr. Coolidge going to the relief of wheat prices by increasing the tariff is probably what made the White House cat leave home. It is well known that a cat can look at a King, but so far as we know it has never been said that a cat can laugh at one. So they have to go out.—McAdams in Post-Dispatch.

## LEAGUE TO CONTROL GERMAN ARMAMENTS

Geneva, April 2.—Commenting upon Germany's request that the Allied military control in Germany be transferred to the council of the League of Nations, officials of the disarmament section of the League said today that the eventual control of German armaments by the council is authorized by article 213 of the Treaty of Versailles.

This supervision by the council, however, is to begin when Germany has fulfilled her engagements concerning armament reduction, they declared.

Apparently just who should decide whether Germany has lived up to her agreement remains a debatable point and one which, in the opinion of some military experts here, might well be submitted to the permanent court of international justice.

Sidney Schilling and Miss Lydia Mangrum of Gideon motored to Sikeston Sunday and spent a few hours with friends.

Perhaps the rumor of earthquake shocks on Tuesday night were but the sickening thud caused by the political hopes being kicked from under certain candidates on that day!

We do not know what the grand jury will do about the big crap game pulled off a couple of Sundays ago in a house at the south edge of the city, but we have heard that the fur may fly when their report is made public. It is said that more than a dozen boys and men were present while the game was in progress and one of the men not being satisfied with the way the bones were rolling pulled a gun and held up the game. There was a scattering of folks, one going out through the window taking glass and sash with him, another started to retire when the man back of the gun fired, another boy fainted when the gun went off and was carried to a car and taken away. It was some game and very funny to talk about until the sheriff served papers to appear before the grand jury and tell them how funny it was. And some of them were just boys.

Mrs. Ernest Swanner is reported to be some better at this writing.

Mrs. R. A. Moll and children, of Tamms, Ill., who are visiting in this city, spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Birch Moll, west of town.

Attorney R. E. Bailey, A. F. Lindsay, T. C. Dye, Lee Bowman and Mrs. C. M. Smith attended the Republican Convention at Poplar Bluff Tuesday.

The Electric Maid will be open for business Saturday morning. It is equipped with a 3-door electric bake oven and all other modern improvements which makes it one of the most sanitary and up-to-date bakeries in Southeast Missouri.

Lilbourn (Doc) Greer died at his home, one mile north of Salcedo on Monday morning, after an illness of several weeks. Funeral services were held Tuesday at the residence at 1:30 by Rev. F. E. Jones. Interment in Brazil Cemetery.

The home of Lacy Allard, on North Kingshighway, was broken into on Monday evening about 8:45 while the family was away from home. Two suits of clothes and a rain coat, belonging to Mr. Allard, were taken and a few other small articles. The sparks falling on the roof. Before by cutting the screen from the kitchen door. The police was notified at once, but no trace of the robbers have been found.

Just up the street from the office lies T. H. League who is sick nigh onto death. He has been almost an invalid since early in life, but has lead a long and useful life, full of good deeds and advice to young people for he has been an educator of repute for most half a century. Saturday evening he seemed to be in fair condition then without the least warning came a stroke of paralysis that bereft him of speech and left his splendid face drawn and disfigured. Wednesday evening he seemed slightly improved, could recognize the family and friends, though could not utter a word. The editor visited his bedside and, while not greeted with words, his eyes and his kindly smile showed that he was glad to see us. Within his stricken body lies a noble soul that has nothing to fear when the sands of time runs through the hour glass of life.

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Judge Kelley will lecture Sunday  
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Notice of Thanks

It take this opportunity to sincerely thank my loyal friends, who so gratefully supported and voted for me in our recent city election. I also wish my opponent success.—J. E. Smith, Sr.

Mrs. Estelle de Cant is still improving.

GIRL WANTED.—At Electrik Maid Bake Shop.

Attorney R. E. Bailey spent Monday at Bloomfield.

Carl Oliver of Charleston was in Sikeston, Thursday.

Miss Clara Muller returned from St. Louis Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Joe Howlett and Mrs. W. T. Marshall of Charleston were the Thursday guests of Mrs. Moore Greer.

Will be in Sikeston on SATURDAY, APRIL 5th to meet prospective buyers for two new bungalows with brick piers in block 9 of Shoe Factory Addition. See us at these houses between 10:00 a. m. and 4:00 p. m. for prices and terms.

WYLIE & PACKWOOD

O. W. McCutchen has purchased a new Buick touring car.

FOR RENT—5-rooms, hall and bath. Apply to Jno N. Chaney.

FOR SALE—Piano, cheap, if taken at once. For information phone 547.

EGGS.—Barred Rocks, 15 eggs, 50c. No better laying strain.—P. H. Gross 402 Gladys Street. 3 w. p.

FOR SALE—One-ton Ford truck, express body with top.—H. A. McCoy, 112 South Scott street.

THURSDAY, APRIL 3rd's MARKET REPORT

Courtesy Toof & Toof  
NEW YORK  
Cotton Close  
May ..... 29.55  
July ..... 28.45  
October ..... 24.92  
December ..... 24.45  
January ..... 24.12

NEW YORK  
Spot Cotton  
55 up ..... 29.65  
No Spot Cotton  
55 up ..... 30.00  
75 up ..... 29.75  
Sales ..... 1200.00

CHICAGO GRAIN CLOSE  
WHEAT  
May ..... 102½  
July ..... 103½  
September ..... 104½

CORN  
May ..... 79½  
July ..... 79½  
September ..... 79½

OATS  
May ..... 46½  
July ..... 44½  
September ..... 41½

CHICAGO  
HOGS  
35,000 Tops ..... 7.50

ST. LOUIS  
HOGS  
11,000 Tops ..... 7.70

ST. LOUIS CASH  
2 Red wheat ..... 112-115  
3 Red wheat ..... 111  
4 Red wheat ..... 108  
3 Mixed corn ..... 78½  
4 Mixed corn ..... 77  
3 Yellow corn ..... 83½  
4 Yellow corn ..... 81  
3 White corn ..... 80  
4 White corn ..... 77

King George Saves Time

King George's estate at Sandringham is the one spot in England where daylight saving is used the year around, and has been for more than fifty years. During all this time the clocks have been kept half an hour ahead of Greenwich time, and the reason was to insure punctuality. King Edward, who had the reputation of never being late, even to tea, introduced the idea when he was prince of Wales and it was soon taken up by the nobles who lived in the community.

Hard Boiled

The waitress, very much out of sorts, sailed haughtily up to the table at which sat the grouchy customer. She slammed down the cutlery, snatched a napkin from a pile and tossed it in front of him. Then, striking a furious pose, she glared at him.

"Whatcha want?" she snapped. "Couple of eggs," growled the diner. "How ya want 'em?" "Just like you are."—Notre Dame Juggler.

Watchful Idling

The world treats the momentous business of spooning as a joke. "My little man," a deacon said to a small boy, "have you no better way of spending this holy Sabbath afternoon than idling away your time on your front lawn?" "I ain't idlin' away no time," the little man exploded. "There's a feller inside spoonin' with my sister, and she's payin' me a nickel an hour to watch out for pop and mom."

An Easy One

"That artist daubing his brush upon his palette reminds me of two women kissing each other." "How so?" "He's mixing paint."

A Duplicate

A citizen was seen standing in a dejected attitude before a lamp post. "Well, Maria," he mumbled, "I know I'm drunk. Why don't you say something?"—Bughouse Bugle.

The W. C. T. U. will meet at 2:00 p. m. in the ladies' parlor of the M. E. Church, Wednesday, April 9.

FOR SALE—White Lohorn eggs, 75c per setting of 15 eggs. \$4.00 per hundred. This price is for the eggs if gotten at my home, one mile west of Sikeston.—J. W. Buckles. 2tpd.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM MOREHOUSE

Mrs. W. R. Griffin, William Marvin Griffin and Miss Hattie Harp attended the musical in Cape Girardeau Sunday afternoon given at Academic Hall.

Ed Buser was in Dexter Monday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Tommy are the proud parents of a fine daughter, who arrived at their home on Friday.

Those who attended the Sunday School Convention at Ilmo, last Sunday, were: Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Brown Woffard, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Wafford and children, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hall, Rev. Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Patterson, Mesdames Bob Taylor, A. F. Stanley, Pete Taylor, Miss Maudie Steinbeck and John Parrish.

A fine boy arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. U. C. Gosnell near Salcedo on March 27th. He has been named Gale.

Claude Warfield and William Cornnell spent the week-end at home. They are both attending the Cape Normal this winter.

Darrell Harris of Gideon spent the week-end with homefolks.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lowe, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Spence, Miss Margaret Grant and John Spence, Jr., attended the musical in Cape Girardeau, Sunday.

Miss Laura Murphy spent the week-end in Bertrand with relatives and friends.

Miss Fannie Smith was in Risco last week-end visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. L. I. Gray and daughter, Helen, and Ed Griffin spent Sunday in Cape Girardeau.

Members of Mrs. I. H. Dunaway's class served a luncheon at the City Hall on Tuesday to the voters. Those who assisted in the serving were: Misses Viola Shelby, Wanda Saville, Dorothy Brewer and Lillian Sanders. Mrs. Alice Clark helped the girls and they cleared \$9.59. This will be applied to the parsonage fund, which they started some time ago.

Misses Maggie Porter, Irene Patterson, Lorene Buser and Mrs. J. W. Porter were at Cape Girardeau, Sunday.

In a very hotly contested election D. A. Mabee, J. W. Wilkins and Harry Black were elected to the School Board out of a field of six candidates. W. T. Wofford and John Parrish were elected aldermen over Will Mathis and A. C. Whitener.

Warren Sarff, son of J. W. Sarff, was shot through the calf and both bones of his leg by Howard Adkinson, fourteen years of age, who discharged a twenty-two caliber rifle in the direction of Warren, accidentally or otherwise, in some childish folly.

Dr. I. H. Dunaway and Ed Hindman are on a trip which will take them through the Southwest and Mexico.

The district conference which met in Morehouse came to a close Wednesday night after spirited and well attended session of two days. The people of Morehouse kept the ministers in their homes, providing dinner and supper at the Church.

Miss Leota Friend of Chaffee spent the week-end with friends in Morehouse.

Mrs. W. R. Griffin has gone to Bldgett to make an extended visit with relatives there.

Miss Mary Lucille Daughtrey has been confined to bed with illness for the last few days.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Fisher and Mrs. Powell spent Friday in Cape Girardeau.

Mrs. J. W. Sarff and son, Chester, spent Saturday, shopping in Cape Girardeau.

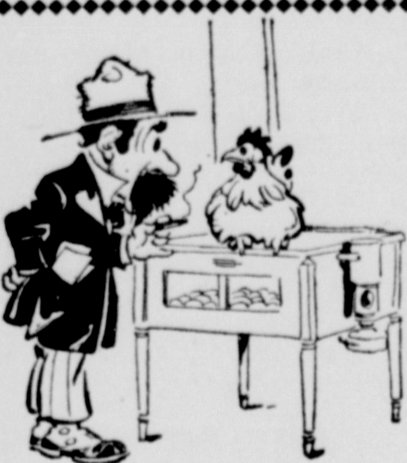
Mrs. J. M. Wilson returned to her home in Jackson, Saturday, after a several weeks visit here with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Mathis were shopping in Sikeston on Saturday of last week.

The contest between the two Sunday School classes of W. D. Lowe and Mrs. Brice Edwards ended this last Sunday. Mr. Lowe's class won by a small margin. The girls expect to entertain the boys with a party in the near future.

On Friday night the cyclone blew down a smoke stack at the heading mill in this city. Men were called out during the night to prevent further damage. The telephone and light service were badly crippled, the former not yet repaired. Numerous windows were blown in, the garage of Allen Mabee was blown into the street, the roof landing on the grape arbor of Mr. Leadbetter. The main par of a new barn being built by Mr. Forye, a farmer north of Morehouse, was blown down, leaving the two wings standing alone.

The ladies of the Baptist Church presented 'An Old Fashioned Mother' to a record audience at the gymnasium on Friday evening. Mrs. Taylor represented the 'Old Fashioned Mother' in a way to stir the motherly emotions of everyone. Walter



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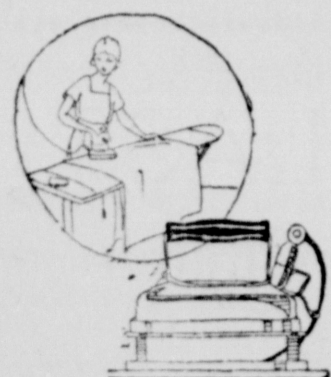
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Notice of Special School Election

School District of Sikeston, Scott County, Missouri.

The qualified voters of the School District of Sikeston, Scott County, Missouri, are hereby notified that a special election will be held on Tuesday, the 22nd day of April, 1924, at the City Hall, in the City of Sikeston, Scott County, Missouri, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of said school district a proposition to increase the indebtedness of said school district in the sum of \$15,000.00, and authorize the Board of Education to borrow this sum of money and issued bonds for the payment thereof, to provide funds for erecting and furnishing an addition to the High School Building in said school district.

The polls will be open at the place heretofore designated for the reception of votes at six o'clock in the forenoon and remain open until seven o'clock in the afternoon of the same day.

Done by order and resolution of the Board of Education of School District of Sikeston, Scott County, Missouri, on the 2nd day of April, 1924.

R. E. BAILEY,  
Secretary Board of Education.

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Oranges, 252 size 21c

Pure Lard, 2 lbs. 27c

Corn, 3 cans for 28c

Tall Pink Salmon, per can 15c

Cor Meal, 10 lbs. 25c

P. & G Soap, 4 bars 17c

Bulk Macaroni or Spaghetti, 2 lbs. 17c

Hams, whole or half, per lb. 23c

Bananas, per lb. 11½c

Country Club Milk, 3 cans for 27c

Country Club Butter, per lb. 48c

Crackers, salted or plain, per lb. 12c

Bulk Rolled Oats 4 lbs. 15c

Palmolive Soap, 3 bars for 24c

Bulk Noodles, per lb. 11c

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### LEAGUE IS DISCUSSED BY BASEBALL BOOSTERS

Six Southeast Missouri towns were represented at a meeting here Sunday of baseball enthusiasts to consider organization of a district league. After a two-hour conference it was decided to confer with baseball men in some of the other towns that were not represented, draft a tentative list of rules and meet again here next Sunday afternoon.

Malden, Bloomfield and Caruthersville men were particularly keen for a league and Sikeston, with prospects of a good team of home players, is advocating such an organization. Most of the old-timers said they feared for the success of such an organization when they got word from Dep Barenkamp of Cape Girardeau that there is no chance of organizing the Capahas this season as the only playing field there has been leased for the year to a shoe factory team. However, A. L. Lawrence of Cape Girardeau, a director of the Shoe Factory team, was present and, while he indicated that the club management was in favor of playing independent ball this season, he entered into the deliberations and said he would give the other towns an answer within a few days. Lawrence explained that baseball had been ruined in Cape Girardeau by the managements of the Capahas during the past few seasons, but that the directors of the shoe factory team hope to put the game on its feet in that town. To do this, he said, it will be necessary to make a modest start and he did not know if the Shoe Factory Club would be strong enough to compete with the others.

Senter Reiney of Caruthersville, Harry Dudley of Sikeston, and the

representatives of Malden and Bloomfield insisted that Cape Girardeau should be represented in the league and brought considerable pressure to bear upon the Cape Girardeau delegate to the meeting.

It was decided to confer with Sol Thompson of Portageville, who served so well as president of the Southeast Missouri leagues in 1914-15-16 and part of 17. It was stated that Thompson already had prepared to send out notices of a meeting to consider organization of a league such as was discussed today. It is expected that he will get at the helm this year and help put through the organization of a loop.

#### Baptist Church

9:30—Sunday school. Classes for all ages and grades.

11:00—Morning worship. The pastor will preach on "Living Worthily of the Gospel".

6:30—The B. Y. P. U. meets for Bible Study and Social worship.

7:30—Evening worship. Song service led by the choir. Sermon by the pastor on "Jesus, the Door of Access to God".

Your are cordially invited to worship with us.

S. P. BRITE, Pastor.

Allen Harrison of Morehouse spent Monday in Sikeston.

The Pinnell Store Company have extended their grocery store to take in the large back room where they installed a full stock of staple and fancy groceries. This room is for convenience of their colored trade who will be given the same treatment and the same grade of goods as sold in the front room.

## TUESDAY ELECTION CAUSED FEW CHANGES

It has been a long time since Sikeston witnessed such a keen and such a clean election as she had on Tuesday. The candidates have been at work for several weeks, but the past ten days things have been at fever heat all over town. Felker for Mayor has been as busy as a beaver laying chunks to keep his fences in lines, while Smith, his opponent, has held many quiet meetings with his lieutenants in an endeavor to find the weak spots to break through. Little or no ugly talk was used by either candidate or their friends, as there was nothing in evidence to cause talk. It was Progressive Sikeston vs. Conservative Sikeston, and the progressive won. The real hot spot on board was the Chief of Police and so many claims had been made and so much talk indulged in, that an outsider could not make an intelligent guess as to who would win the honor. Every man running would have made an acceptable officer and given the hearty support of the citizens. Uncle Joe's friends of a life-time, stood firm and the final count showed that he was given a substantial lead. At 9:00 o'clock with the 1st and 4th Wards in, it looked as though he would be defeated. The 2nd and 3rd Wards stood by him that increased his lead. Uncle Joe owes much to his daughter, Miss Anna, and to Miss Lena Vick, for their hard work for him while he was confined to his home with a deep cold.

Then the next race was a dash with Patterson and Bailey going to the post. It was Roger's home town where he was raised against a most competent man who has been a citizen for the past two years. The kid won by votes of those who wished to encourage a young man just starting in his profession.

The Collectors race saw three cripples start—none crippled in the head, and all competent and deserving. It was case of re-electing the man who had the experience of one term.

The race for Police Judge was two old-timers, both J. P.'s, and equally fit for the position. Judge Lescher won by a nose though Judge Myers is satisfied and claims he received all the votes of the women which is a compliment. Judge Lescher is satisfied, too, because he was elected, and feels that his style of beauty must have gotten him a few votes from the ladies.

In Ward 1, for Alderman, T. A. Wilson beat A. Gump, handsomely, the vote being 320 to 1. T. wishes to have the supporter of Mr. Gump call at his office and receive a leather medal.

In Ward 2, Frank Smith and Jim Nestor locked horns, but the match was one-sided, 248 to 80, in favor of Smith.

In Ward 3, Judson Boardman and Old Scratch seemed to be almost as one-sided as in Ward 1, the vote being 490 to 3.

In Ward 4, Aulton Craven and Tanner Dye got off nicely and ran a pretty race until the last stretch, when Cravens won by a couple of lengths.

All in all, the defeated candidates took their loss with pretty good spirit and were ready to congratulate the winners.

The following is the vote by Wards:

	Wards 1	2	3	4	Total
<b>FOR MAYOR</b>					
Felker	250	248	222	134	854
Smith	66	254	258	134	712
<b>POLICE CHIEF</b>					
Randol	100	171	154	88	513
Hayden	115	148	111	64	438
Carson	30	92	117	41	280
Kendall	53	56	84	70	263
Clark	6	11	1	2	20
<b>CITY ATTORNEY</b>					
Patterson	135	201	195	137	678
Bailey	167	239	267	117	790
<b>COLLECTOR</b>					
Shepherd	200	170	225	145	740
Chambliss	57	45	105	39	246
Demaris	51	271	149	79	550
<b>POLICE JUDGE</b>					
Lescher	176	205	219	177	777
Myers	126	265	238	84	713
<b>COUNCILMEN</b>					
Wilson	320				
A. Gump	1				
Smith		248			
Nestor		80			
Boardman			490		
Cravens				124	
Dye				89	

### CODE CONVENTION AND VOTE COST \$1,000,000

Jefferson City, April 1.—That the total cost of submitting 21 proposed State constitutional amendments to the people in a special election February 26 will be approximately \$1,000,000 was indicated, following the filing of a final report today by the constitutional convention's special committee on submission and address. Six of the amendments were carried in the election.

Appropriations made by the constitutional convention while it was in session in 1922 and 1923 totaled \$800,000, of which \$753,884 was for costs of the convention and submitting the amendments to the people, exclusives of the election cost. The balance of \$46,116 is in the State treasury.

All counties and the city of St. Louis are to be reimbursed by the State for expenses incurred in holding the election. At the Auditor's office the probable expense of the election was estimated at \$175,000 to \$200,000. The county bills are being held by the Auditor and will be turned over to the Legislature in 1925 for a relief appropriation, as no funds now are available to meet them.

All bills for the convention proper and the work of the special committee have been paid except warrants outstanding for \$3600, payable to Joseph B. Shannon of Kansas City, leader of the "rabbit" faction of the Democratic party there, and a delegate-at-large to the convention. These warrants cover salary at \$10 a day while the convention was in session and other authorized expenses, but have not been presented by Shannon.

The baseball club will hold another meeting Sunday, April 6, at 2:30 at Dudley's Place. Nothing definite was decided last Sunday at their meeting.

Last Thursday some contemptible thief entered the harness room of Will Simpson, near McMullin, and stole four full sets of harness, six collars, some new bridles and lines. Up to date no trace of the thief has been found.

Bob Powell and family of Blytheville, Ark., spent Saturday and Sunday with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Powell. Mr. and Mrs. Powell motored from Sikeston to Blytheville, leaving here Sunday evening at 7:20, arriving at Blytheville at 12:15. The trip was made in a Chevrolet.

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She also has the good sense to know that to get best results she must follow the advice of some one who has successfully specialized in the beautifying of complexions, just as you seek the services of a specialist in time of sickness.

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That's why we contracted for a week of her services for the ladies of Sikeston.

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She will show you by actual massage how you can get the best results. If you are interested in your skin—and you should be—Madame Colby will be glad to show you how you can retain and restore its original attractiveness.

There will be no charge for these demonstrations and you will not be asked to buy.

She Will Be Here From  
**April 7th, to and including April 12th**

Private demonstrations only. Make your appointments early.

## DERRIS, The Druggist

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### THE CARPENTER SHOP.

By Dr. Frank Crane.

There is a carpenter shop I go by nearly every day. Sometimes I go in and the boss lets me sit around so long as I do not get in the way.

I like the clean smell of the wood whose flesh is newly opened, distilling the long bottled life odors of the pine and oak and hickory through the air.

I like the whistle of the plane and to see the shavings fall in baby ringlets to the floor.

I like the drone of the circular saw, the diapason of the builders' orchestra.

I like the pounding of the hammer. There is something so good and certain and solid about a hammer. I wish I could think as positively as that.

Carpenters are cheerful people. Those in this shop are always cracking jokes. There is some element in handling wood and other solid things that seems to react in playfulness upon a man.

They have names for each other; brothers in work make their own names and scorn such artificialities as Smith and Robinson. They call one another Stubby, One Eye, Whiskers, Fat, Reddy and the like.

They are not polite. That is what they seem to avoid. They abuse each other, and give one another the most

astounding punches with fists or thwacks with boards, whereat they all laugh, including the victim. But any one can see they are very fond of each other. It is simply youth. Hand work preserves the youthful view of things. It is thought that is aging. The boss talks quick and sharp,

sometimes throws in a few swear words. The man spoken to usually grumbles, always looks disgusted with the stupidity of the command, and always obeys. The boss is very popular.

Sometimes I go to teas and society functions. When I do I generally go to the carpenter shop the next day to get the taste out of my mouth.

It is engaging to see the carpenter use the square, the foot rule and the water level. Those things mean that good work is to be right, not pretty near right.

Carpenters, I find also, are just as positive in their creeds as other handicraft people. Whether a carpenter be a Baptist, a Socialist or a Free-Thinker, he is very radical.

Their idea of things are not at all 'pickled o'er with the pale cast of thought.'

This, too, probably, is the result of handling sharp-cornered and straight-edged planks.

We who chase woolly ideas and mothy sensations are not so sure about the proper government of this world nor the exact location of the next.

Mrs. R. A. Moll and children, Mrs. Jno. Moll and Mrs. Stella Moll and children spent Thursday in Morehouse with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wolford and family.

The fire truck was called to the home of Mrs. G. P. McCoy Tuesday afternoon. The fire was caused by sparks falling on the roof. Before the fire truck arrived, Daniel McCoy, a grandson, took the lawn hose and made his way to the roof, putting the fire out before the truck reached the scene.

### WOMAN'S AUTOMOBILE TO BE SOLD BY COURT

Benton, April 1.—Mrs. Bertie Randolph of Cape Girardeau was fined \$500 in circuit court here Monday when she pleaded guilty before Judge Dearing to a charge of transporting liquor. She paid the fine and relinquished claim to a Ford sedan automobile which was seized by the officers when she was arrested.

Mrs. Randolph was arrested near a church north of Sikeston several months ago by Sheriff Kirkendall and Deputy Tom Scott and liquor was found in her automobile. A change of venue was taken from Judge Kelly and Judge Dearing was asked to hear the case.

Officers say that the automobile will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder.

Mary Garden, the opera singer, has kept the same maid for the past 14 years.

For a change, flavor the rice pudding with lemon and cinnamon. It is very tasty.

Sa'ad or a compote of oranges or some rather "tart" fruit may be served with most birds.

Lee R. Newman, farmer of near Sikeston, filed a voluntary petition of bankruptcy in federal district court today, listing liabilities of \$4,575 and assets of \$100. The liabilities consist of two notes, one for \$3,000, given the Bank of New Hamburg, and another for \$1575, given the A. J. Matthews & Co., Inc. Both are unsecured.—Cape Missourian.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are authorized to announce Tom Scott as a candidate for the nomination of Sheriff of Scott County, subject to the will of the voters at the August primary.

We are authorized to announce F. K. Sneed of Chaffee for Sheriff of Scott County, subject to the will of the Democratic voters at the August primary.

We are authorized to announce Parm A. Stone of Skeston for Sheriff of Scott County, subject to the will of the Democratic voters at the August primary.

We are authorized to announce L. P. Gober of Vanduser for Sheriff of Scott County, subject to the will of the Democratic voters at the August primary.

We are authorized to announce Fred M. Farris, of Benton, as candidate for Sheriff, of Scott County, subject to the will of the voters at the August primary.

We are authorized to announce Bob Cannon, of Benton, as candidate for Sheriff of Scott County, subject to the will of the voters at the primary in August.

## COUNTY ASSESSOR

We are authorized to announce Chas. A. Stallings, of Morley, for Assessor of Scott County, subject to the will of the Democratic voters at the August primary.

We are authorized to announce Geo. C. Bean, of Illmo, for assessor of Scott County, subject to the will of the Democratic voters at the August primary.

We are authorized to announce Angles W. Bowman of Morley, for County Assessor, subject to the will of the voters at the August primary.

We are authorized to announce C. C. Myers of Oran as Democratic candidate for the office of Assessor, subject to the will of the voters at the August primary.

## NEW MADRID COUNTY

We are authorized to announce G. F. Deane, of Matthews, as a candidate for Sheriff of New Madrid County, subject to the will of the Democratic voters at the August primary.

More copies of the Memphis Commercial Appeal should be read in Skeston and vicinity. It is sound in principles, ably edited, carries all the late foreign and domestic news, and should be especially sought after for the cotton news it contains.

The Standard believes it would be a good policy, if the Board of Aldermen could see their way clear, to put J. H. Hayden back on the night job as assistant Chief of Police. He has made as good an officer as we have had, is familiar with the duties, has a big family of children that he is trying to educate, and needs the job.

Senator Copeland of New York is trying to work up a world conference on commerce and trade, the object being to develop ways to give the American farmer a better market for his surplus products, notably wheat. It is certain that Democrats will be in a position after the November election to carry out some broad and comprehensive plans for betterment of the farmers condition. Nothing has ever proved a more complete failure than the Republican effort to increase the price of wheat through increased tariff rates. Each time the rate is raised it is followed by a drop in the wheat price.

LETTER FROM THE  
AGRICULTURAL BUREAU

Southwest Missouri By Radio  
Through the courtesy of the Missouri Association and the State Board of Agriculture, and the co-operation of the Southeast Missouri Agricultural Bureau a Southwest Missouri radio address will be delivered from the State broadcasting station at Jefferson City, Friday evening, April 4. Southeast Missourians will be interested in listening in on this address. There have been several Southeast Missouri addresses broadcasted from this station during the past year and arrangements are being made to broadcast several more during the coming year. The State broadcasting station at Jefferson City is one of the strongest in the country and its messages are heard all over the United States.

Southeast Missouri Moving Picture  
To Have National Distribution

The Secretary of the Southeast Missouri Agricultural Bureau was in Chicago last week, negotiating with the Homestead Films, Incorporated, for an arrangement whereby the Southeast Missouri moving picture will be distributed by that corporation through the various county farm bureaus and educational institutions of the United States.

The Southeast Missouri film made a strong impression on the President of the Homestead Films, Incorporated, and he agreed to distribute this film after some minor changes have been made in some of the titles and scenes. If the film meets with the approval of the users of such films, it will require from four to eight additional sets of prints to take care of the demand. This estimate is based on the distribution of other similar films in use. This means that the Southeast Missouri moving picture will have as wide circulation as "Joe McCure" and other well-known agricultural films.

The attractive feature of the film of the Homestead Films Corporation was its wide range of diversification of farm crops and live stock. There is no other picture on the market at the present time that features diversification as the Southeast Missouri film features it. Since diversification is one of the most important subjects which agricultural leaders are preaching now-a-days, it is believed that the Southeast Missouri film will meet with wide popularity.

The average age of Civil War widows is 74.25.

Organized Turkish women are demanding that polygamy be abolished, divorce limited and a law passed to allow girls to reach their majority at 17 instead of 13, at present.

The Oklahoma Club won the State Club Track Meet at the Chilocco Business College last week by a big margin. The individual medals for high point boy and girl also went to Oklahomans.

Among the 13 member of the influential committee appointed by the Government to inquire into the British national debt is a young woman, Mrs. Barbara Wooton, who at the age of 27 years was given the honor of participating in the deliberations with some of the most noted bankers, industrialists, professional economists and trade union leaders in the country.

Perhaps it would not be out of place for the President of the Chamber of Commerce to take up with the manager of the electric light company the matter of installing an auxiliary pump of some sort in Skeston to furnish us with power to pump water in case of fire when all three of the other plants that are supposed to furnish such power fail as in the case Saturday and Monday, last.

SOME SCOTT COUNTY  
FARM BUREAU NEWS

## Pruning Young Grape Vines

Perhaps the most common mistake in pruning your grape vines is that of leaving too much wood. In their desire to secure immediate returns growers not infrequently allow their vines to overbear during their second and third years in the vineyard, and this results in the permanent detriment of the vines. The early pruning of grape vines has as its object the development of a vigorous root system and the establishment of a system of training; and under no consideration should the vines be allowed to produce fruit the second year, and only the most vigorous vines should be permitted to fruit the third year. Unless proper pruning is given the vines the first two or three years in the vineyard it may become necessary to cut them to the ground and start all over again, says H. G. Swartwout of the Missouri College of Agriculture.

To prune vines after their first season's growth in the vineyard all the canes or shoots that grew the previous summer are cut away but one and that is cut back to two buds or eyes, the same kind of pruning as that given the tops of vines at the time of setting. The effect of this heavy pruning is to concentrate the whole energy of the vines into the development of one strong vigorous shoot. A number of shoots usually start from the two eyes left on the vines but all should be removed but one. This one is to form the permanent trunk of the vine and should be tied to the lower wire of the trellis and again to the upper wire. If vigorous it is usually pinched off as soon as it reaches the height of the top wire to force out laterals; but, if only moderately vigorous no summer pinching should be done.

The way in which the vines are pruned at the end of the second year in the vineyard depends on the growth they have made. Where strong laterals have been produced the vines are pruned to leave one lateral to run in either direction along each wire of a two wire trellis. The laterals should be shortened, however, to leave a total of not more than 10 or 12 buds or eyes to each vine. When no strong laterals are produced the vines are pruned to a single cane, reaching from the ground to the top wire. Vines that have not made a good growth should be cut back to two buds or at least to the lower wire of the trellis. Nothing is to be gained by attempting to form the trunk of a vine until a root system has been developed strong enough to produce a vigorous shoot growth.

Southeast Missouri Picture to Be  
Shown at Commerce

Arrangements have been made with the Southeast Missouri Agricultural Bureau, through the Scott County Farm Bureau, to show the Southeast Missouri Agriculture picture to the farmers and business men of the Commerce Community Club District on April 16.

This picture will be shown after the banquet which will be served by the ladies of the Methodist church.

## Five Cotton Demonstrations

The following farmers of Scott County have agreed to co-operate with the University Extension Service and the Scott County Farm Bureau in conducting cotton demonstrations:

Moore Greer of Skeston, will use Acala cotton seed close spacing in the row and acid phosphate.

Marshall Land & Mercantile Company of Blodgett, will use a combination of acid phosphate and muriate of potash on their plots.

Louis Dohogne will use 300 pounds of acid phosphate per acre on the hill land west of Kelso. Trice cotton seed will be used in this demonstration.

Joe Ellis and Ed Ramsey of Commerce will conduct a similar demonstration using 300 pounds of acid phosphate, Trice seed close and wide spacing.

Judge R. L. Harrison of Morley will use 50 pounds of muriate of potash and 300 pounds of acid phosphate in an experiment where Acala cotton seed is used. This land is west of Morley, near the base line road. All these demonstrations will be from two to three acres each, leaving one-half unfertilized as a check upon the fertilizer.

Miss Florence Sterling, treasurer of one of the largest oil corporations in the South, is being considered as a candidate for Mayor in Houston, Texas.

Mrs. Mollie N. Newbury, head of one of the largest department stores in Chicago, carries more insurance than any other woman in the United States, per policy calling for \$3,000,000.

FARM BUREAU NEWS  
FROM NEW MADRID

## Do Not Burn Your Stalks

There are many farmers who seem to think that all stalks must be raked and burned in order to grow a successful crop on that land for the following year. In some few cases these very men who follow the practice of burning stalks are men who use fertilizer. It is quite evident that these men are unaware that these stalks burned contain an appreciable amount of the same plant foods that they are supply by the use of commercial fertilizer, yet such is the case.

A crop of cotton of one bale per acre will remove in the leaves, seed, stalks and bolls about 75 pounds of nitrogen, 54 pounds of potash and 25 pounds of phosphoric acid. A little more than one-half of this plant food is returned to the soil if the leaves, stalks and bolls are plowed under. A corn crop producing 75 bushels of corn per acre removes from the soil 75 pounds of nitrogen, 14 pounds of phosphorus and 14 pounds of potassium, in the grain and chaff. The stover from this crop removes 36 pounds of nitrogen, 4 1/2 pounds of phosphorus and 39 pounds of potassium practically all of which is lost entirely when the corn stalks are burned.

It is a wasteful practice for the farmer to dispose of his old stalks in such a manner. It is rank extravagance and those farmers who follow such methods cannot have in mind a building up of their soil fertility. They cannot have in mind a thought towards cutting down their expenses.

Stalks, if cut early enough and burned under will rot thoroughly. The excuse or supposition that turning the stalks under will not rot them, thus leaving them to interfere with the planting and cultivating of the following crop is erroneous. Some of the larger stalks should be cut much earlier than is the common practice, but if this is done they will decompose sufficiently so that they will not interfere with the next crop. Do not throw your money away. You are doing this if you burn your stalks.

## Many Weevil Killed by Winter

Since 1915 the Government Experiment Station at Tallulah, La., has been running tests on the percentage of boll weevil surviving each winter. The report for 1924 came out in March and shows the number of live weevil found this season to be lower than any previous year. While this is very favorable for the crop outlook in the South, nevertheless, it is pointed out by the Department of Agriculture that his does not necessarily indicate that the weevil will not be numerous enough to do the 1924 cotton crop serious damage. According to the report, only one live weevil was found for every two tons of moss, as compared with the previous year when thirty-eight live weevil were found for every two tons of moss.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS  
FROM MATTHEWS

Mrs. G. D. Steele and Mrs. Albert Deane shopped in Cape Girardeau Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Steele and little daughter of New Madrid, visited in Matthews, Sunday.

There will be a home talent play W. V. Moore returned to his home in Kansas, after a few days visit at this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Latimer and Mrs. Frank Sibley and children were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stewart Friday evening.

J. A. Weatherford, daughter, Miss Ozetta, went to Skeston Thursday of last week to visit relatives. Mrs. Horace Weatherford accompanied them home to spend a few days.

Coroner D. A. Chiles was called to Marston Friday evening to hold an inquest over the body of a boy by the name of Penniger. He was killed about six and a half miles from Marston down on Little River. He was shot sometime between 1:00 p. m. and midnight. There was another boy seriously injured. The shooting of both was done by a man by the name of Bill Meattie. Constable W. H. Deane was summoned by Sheriff Kerr to come and bring the jurors, who were: Clarence Hunott, Rub Bornhart, Nig Rogers, Earn Smith, Wes Depro and Alfred Deane. The verdict was returned willful murder.

It is claimed that there is less serious diseases among red-headed women than among women with dark hair.

As a child, Annie S. Peck, noted for her daring mountain climbing feats, was very timid and filled with fear.

## SPECIAL MEETINGS

Christian Church  
April 7 to April 20

7:30 Every Evening

## W. T. Walker

the Minister will do the preaching

COME *Bring a Friend* STUDY  
the Word of God with usRead Matthew 16th chapter; Acts 2nd,  
8th and 22nd Chapters; Romans 6th  
chapter.*"What Must I Do To Be Saved"*This is a very important question. Will  
you please cite the Scriptures that an-  
swer this question and drop in the bas-  
ket any night.

COMMITTEE

COTTON GROWERS  
ASSOCIATION NEWSElection of Directors Missouri Cot-  
ton Growers' Co-operative Asso-  
ciation May 27th.

The election of the Directors of the Missouri Cotton Growers' Co-operative Association will take place on May 27, 1924. The Board of Directors of the Missouri Association is composed of nine members elected last year from nine districts. The districts were arranged last year by the organization committee so as to give the cotton that had been signed up an equitable representation on the Board. At the next meeting of the Board of Directors in April the election will be authorized and ballots mailed to the members in each district. The by-laws specify that the ballot to be mailed or the election can be held in each district by mass meeting. The ballots will be mailed perhaps ten days before the date set for the regular meeting of the members.

The success of co-operative marketing of cotton depends upon the ability of the members to choose from their members a Board of Directors that is capable of managing the co-operative cotton selling organization. To do this they must become judges of men. When these ballots are mailed every member should vote.

Women are serving today in nearly every branch of the merchant marine service.

The United States forest service has started an investigation to find where new rice growth on burned-over lands comes from.

Next time you make a fruit salad try this: Dice tart apples and celery, add coconut, marinate with French dressing and serve with dots of tart jelly over the top.

## Notice of Final Settlement

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Administratrix of the estate of James A. Bradley, deceased, will make final settlement of his accounts with said estate as such administratrix at the next term of the Probate Court of Scott County, Missouri, to be held at Benton in said county, on the 5th day of May, A. D., 1924.

LUCY JACKSON, Adm.

Fully nine-tenths of the women in China cannot write their own names.

Fogs cause digestive troubles among small mammals and birds in the London zoo, the animals losing their appetite and most of the birds refusing to eat unless there is plenty of light.

Carrying bricks has been a lucrative job for the last few years, so John Tantillo, hodcarrier, of New York, laid down his hod for the first time in thirty years to celebrate. The occasion for the celebration was that John had become the owner of a five-story tenement house valued at \$30,000, which he had bought with his savings.

Clara Rocha, known as "Mexico's Joan of Arc," rides at the head of her dead husband's command with an official commission from the War Department.

Two more Civil Service students of Chilocco Business College, Eugene Johnson and Lewis Burkett, have received their clerk appointments in the Chicago Postoffice and now are at work.

Use moderately warm soapy water for cleaning brushes and avoid the use of soda or strong soap powder. Rinse them in plenty of cold water; this stiffens the bristles that are somewhat softened by the washing process.

## COTTON SEED

Good planting seed are going to be scarce this spring. Bet-  
ter place your order now.ACALA NO. 5 Pedigreed, Certified, Recleaned, Fumigated—  
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PURE DELFOS 6102 Recleaned, Fumigated.

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### AN OHIO RIVER CAVERN, A REAL ROBBERS' ROOST

Since David hid from Saul in the Cave of Adullam—and probably extending back to the misty eras when our progenitors found the earth's subcellars the safest places of refuge from the numerous cares that infested their days—subterranean caverns have been invested in the popular imagination with the husks of legendary mystery and romance. Given a hole in a hillside leading into a dim smoke blackened rock roofed chamber and most anything in the way of adventure might have happened there. In the credulous fancies of the young and the old of its neighborhood it becomes a place around which weird traditions cluster, of ghosts and bandits and such things. Notwithstanding the fact that Missouri's noted 'knights of the brush', Jesse and Frank James, were more familiar with good hotels and city residences than they were with holes in the ground, numerous caves are still pointed out as the former haunts of the bandits, and the same thing is true of California's 'Black Bart' and Oklahoma's 'Dalton Boys.' Well, the caves were there for them to use, rent free, and with the most approved banditti accommodations, and if they overlooked them, that is no fault of the legend makers or the lovers of romantic cavelore. But there is at least one famous cave in America that the historians have got the goods on—a cave that became the rendezvous and the shelter of river pirates, robber bands, counterfeiters and men whose trade was murder, in the days when the West was a real wilderness and even roadside inns were scarce, to say nothing of hotels, and, as Rogue Riderhood would have said, "the cave is there yet for anyone to see".

The cave referred to is situated

on the northern bank of the lower Ohio River and has been known from Revolutionary days—from which its gruesome history dates—as the "Cave-in-Rock". It is in Hardin County, Illinois, about twenty miles below Shawneetown and about the same distance above Golconda. Within a mile and a half of the cave there now is a little village named Cave-in-Rock, and about two and a half miles below the cavern is Fords Ferry, a place closely linked with the mysteries of the cave and its tragic record of dark and bloody deeds. The huge opening of the cave still looks out on the Ohio River like an ominous eye, silent and mysterious. It is a large and dark tunnel-like opening extending into a gray limestone bluff, jutting above the river like a miniature Gibraltar, commanding a long and picturesque view for miles up and down the river banks. Sphinx-like in its appearance and fascinated by the legends which a sight of it invariably evokes. The mouth of the Cave-in-Rock is some fifty feet in width, and the cavern extends back 160 feet, with an almost uniform depth of forty feet. The cave has a vaulted roof of the natural limestone and there are traces of the existence of a secret upper chamber evidenced by a chimney-like opening into a space 4 feet wide and ten feet high in which, tradition says, the robbers used to hide their loot. In pioneer times the entrance to Cave-in-Rock was concealed by heavy growth of timber, which long ago disappeared. In the post-Revolutionary days of the Middle West and South the old cave was a place of mystery and terror, the rendezvous of river pirates who preyed upon the rude commerce of the river, of outwitted murderers degenerated into savagry, and of notorious highwaymen who rode the Wilderness Road and the old Natchez Trace, as Dick Turpin and Jack Sheppard, in days of yore, rode the Dover Road and Hounslow Heath.

In a sincere effort to disentangle the mass of legend and romantic tradition that became intermingled with the pioneer history of Kentucky and Tennessee and the bordering river states radiating from Cave-in-Rock, a Kentucky writer, Otto A. Rothert, has recently produced a book, "The Outlaws of Cave-in-Rock" (published by the Arthur H. Clark Company, Cleveland), which is of fascinating interest. Dealing with

the authentic story of Cave-in-Rock and the notorious lawbreakers who made the cave their headquarters at one time or another, it also presents a phase of pioneer life in the middle West that has been long forgotten and paints a harrowing picture of the dangers and terrors that confronted the men and women who ventured into the unknown wilderness where every man was a law unto himself.

In prehistoric days Cave-in-Rock was undoubtedly inhabited by the aborigines—perhaps by the Mound Builders. There are remains of several Indian mounds in close proximity to the cave and the stone image of an idol, resembling the Mayan sculpture, was once disinterred near the mouth of the cave, indicating that the cave might at one time have been used as a temple. Historic references to the cave begin as far back as 1766 and most of the early travelers down the Ohio made note of it. After the close of the Revolutionary War, the place became a refuge for two of the most bloodthirsty criminals known in pioneer history—men whose very names were breathed with terror by travelers over the western trails. They were known as Big and Little Harpe and were supposed to be brothers. They were natives of North Carolina. Macajah, known as Big Harpe, was born about 1768, and Wiley known as Little Harpe, was born about 1770. Their father was a Tory who fought under the British flag at King's Mountain and after the war Big and Little Harpe plunged into the wilderness, nursing a hatred, it is said, for the Americans. They were men of abnormal criminal instincts—they killed for the mere lust of killing. Accompanied by their three women the Harpes for years roamed through Tennessee and Kentucky waylaying their victims, robbing, burning and killing. They associated with marauding bands of Indians and encouraged them in bloody deeds. They went armed with guns, knives and tomahawks. They lived, says our author, "like man-eating animals." The women as well as the men were hunting shirts and moccasins made from the untanned skins of animals they killed. They never wore hats except in the coldest weather and then used for headgear bits of fur pieces together with deerskin thoggs.

Murders after murders on the Wil-

derness Road and the Natchez Trace and in the neighborhood of the Cave-in-Rock country were traced to the Harpes until the known total amounted to more than a score, many of them of the most brutal character. Men, women and children were among their victims. Chased from the interior by bands of settlers, stimulated by a reward offered by the Governor of Kentucky, the Harpes fled to Cave-in-Rock, where they found other outlaws hiding out, and the cave became headquarters for the band and a place of sinister deeds. Once the Harpes captured two families floating down the Ohio past the cave in a flatboat. Most of the travelers were killed from the shore, but one was saved for an exhibition of sheer fiendishness characteristic of the Harpes. The captive was stripped, tied to a blindfolded horse and the animal was led to the top of the bluff over the cave. By wild shouts the horse was forced to leap over the cliff, animal and man meeting a terrible death on the rocky shores at the base of the cliff a hundred feet below. But the widespread nets of vengeance finally closed in on the bloody Harpes. They were driven from the cave, captured and taken to Kentucky for trial. They broke jail and took to the wilderness again. A trail of fresh murders marked the path of their flight. At last the whole country became aroused and pursuing bands were everywhere organized. The chase after the Harpes is a classic of Kentucky lore. Big Harpe was finally shot down, his head cut off as a trophy and his decapitated body left to the wolves in the wilds of Muhlenburg County. The head was conveyed to the cross roads near Robertson's Lick and there placed in the forks of a tree where for years it remained a revolting object of horror to passing travelers. Little Harpe, for the time being escaped.

Of a different stripe but no less notorious as an outlaw of many crimes, was Sam Mason, the "Jesse James" of years of the eighteenth and early years of the nineteenth centuries in the pioneer history of the Middle West. Mason stands out as one of the shrewdest and most resourceful of highwaymen. The Harpes killed to gratify a lust for cruelty; Mason robbed along the highways and the river solely for loot, killing only when 'absolutely necessary'. Mason was a most striking and interesting figure. He had been a fighting soldier in the American Revolution, and a man of good family and some education. How he turned to the trade of highwayman is an unsolved mystery, but he made a reputation in the business that extended throughout the Ohio and Mississippi valleys. He organized a desperate gang of outlaws whose headquarters for a long time were on Diamond Island, in the Ohio River, a short distance from Henderson, Ky. Here many of the early pioneers going down the Ohio in flatboats became the victims of the Mason gang.

Along about 1797 Mason transferred his base of operations to Cave-in-Rock and specialized for a time as a river pirate. The cave had an attraction for travelers and was not at that time widely known as a robber's roost. Mason changed his name to Wilson when he took up his residence in the cave and in order to divert suspicion he converted the cave into an inn and he and his family fitted it up as a place of entertainment for voyagers down the river. He displayed a sign 'Wilson's Liquor Vault and House of Entertainment', and a century ago Cave-in-Rock resounded to many scenes of drunken, boisterous hilarity, the preludes to robbery and often to murder. Later Mason deserted the cave and began to operate with his gang along the great Natchez Trace where the rich proceeds of the river trade were the tempting prizes. He was finally captured at New Madrid, Mo., then Spanish territory, with another member of his band, known by various aliases, but who turned out to be the missing Little Harpe. Mason made his escape while being carried down the Mississippi to Natchez, and Harpe, together with another member of the gang, May, also got away from their Spanish captors. The governor of Mississippi, like a later Missouri governor in a modern instance, offered a reward for Mason, dead or alive. Harpe and May proved to be "Ford Brothers" of that day. They trailed Mason, slew him from behind with a tomahawk, cut off his head and brought it into a court, like a wolf scalp, to claim the reward. While in the courtroom they were recognized as he perpetrators of a recent robbery on the Natchez Trace and arrested. Later one of them was identified as Little Harpe and both were hung in 'Gallows Field' a place of execution near Greenville, Miss.

Two notorious counterfeiters of post-revolutionary days were associated with the Cave-in-Rock as a base of counterfeiting operations and

a haven of refuge. One of these was known as "Duff the Coiner", the other was Phillip Alston, a picturesque figure whose exploits furnished material for several romances. Nancy Huston Banks, in her novel, "Round Anvil Rock", presents Alston as a "mysterious gentleman who, although generally trusted by the community, was regarded by some with suspicion because of his frequent absences and ever replenished supply of imported cloths, laces and jewelry". His frequent absences were, it seems, the occasions of his visits to the cave where he operated his coining plant. He flooded the country with spurious money. He was noted for his gentlemanly manners and elegant dress and the freedom with which he spent his money. Finally, banished from his native country by the growing suspicions of his neighbors and government officials, he fled to Louisiana territory where he made friends among the Spanish and French settlers. Alston lived a double life—he was the Jekyll-Hyde of the Cave-in-Rock country. He looms large in the gossip and romance of the latter part of the eighteenth century and early part of the nineteenth century. "He comes down to us", says our author, "as handsome in person and grand in manner, with an air of civility towards women and of mystery towards men. He was the 'Raffles' of pioneer days and one of the romance heroes of Cave-in-Rock".

Another desperado who utilized the Cave in his operations was James Ford, from whom Fords Ferry, a short distance from the cave, was named. He lived about two miles above Cave-in-Rock on the Kentucky side. He ran a riverside inn and was always surrounded with a gang of desperate men, highwaymen and murderers, who concealed themselves in the Cave and preyed upon the flatboats and emigrants coming down the river. Ford was killed in a feud fight. Long after the pioneer outlaws whose names are most prominently associated with this sinister cavern had passed from the scene, Cave-in-Rock continued to extend refuge to men upon whom the ban of the law had been placed and its evil reputation clung to it as late as 1830. It has figured largely in the literature of the Middle West. For more than a century fiction writers have used the Cave as a background for stories. The book was written by Mr. Rothert is intended, says its author, to give the authentic story of the famous Cave as collected from historic and romantic sources, and it is a work that shows thorough research. One poet—Charles H. Jones of Cincinnati—has dealt with the cave in a Byronic vein. The title of his poem—it was written in 1835—is 'The Outlaw'.—K. C. Star.

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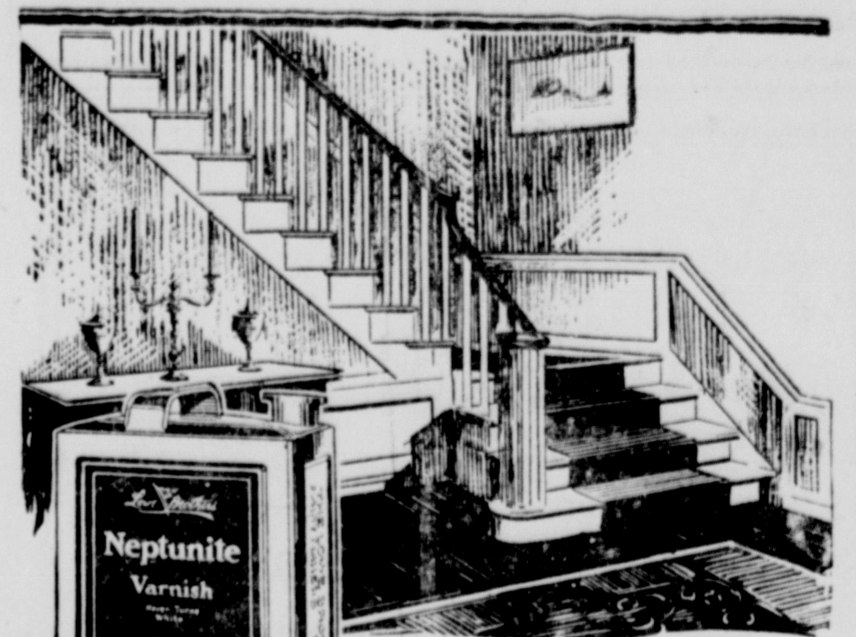
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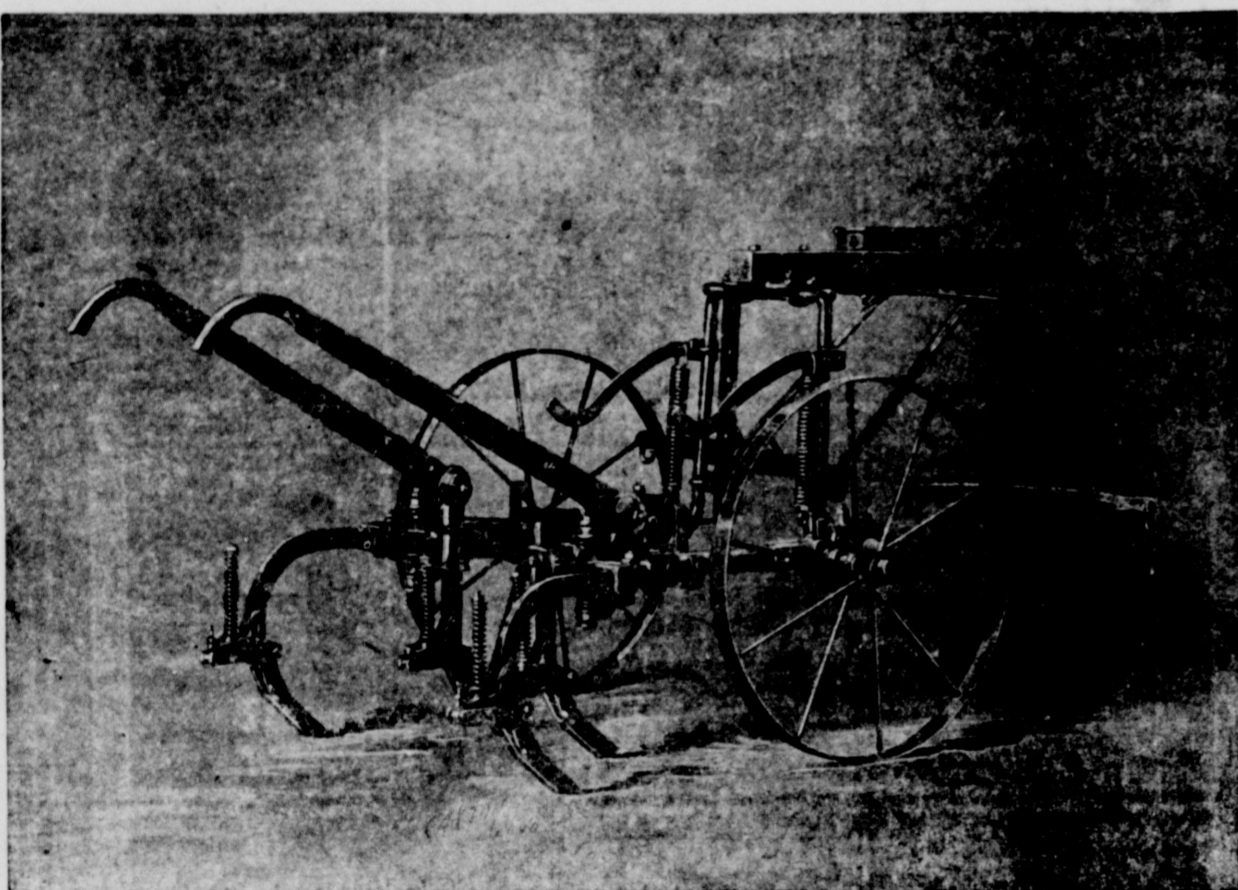
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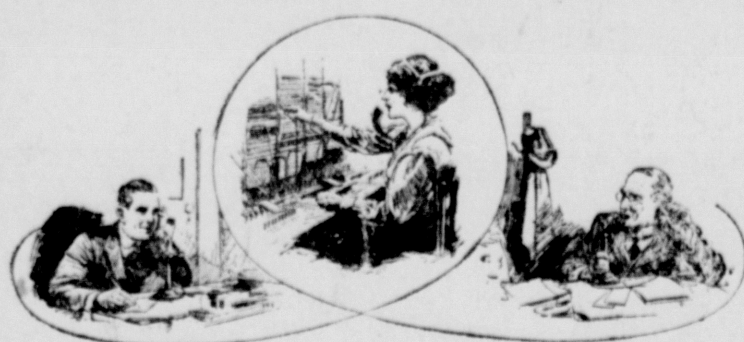
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### Success With Clover Depends on Factors

Make Simple Test to Determine Needs of Soil.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

A successful stand of red clover depends on a number of factors, the absence of any one of which may seriously affect the crop. A simple test to determine the needs of the soil on the farm or in the field where it is desired to grow clover may be made by setting aside a small plot of ground in the field for experimental purposes and trying different treatments of the soil as regards lime, fertilizers, etc.

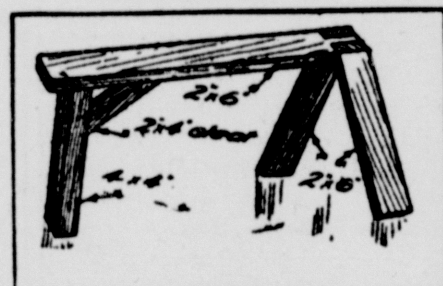
An arrangement of a series of eight plots for such a test is suggested by the United States Department of Agriculture. The strip of land to be used for the test should be as near representative of the field as is possible to determine from superficial observation. Divide it into eight plots of equal size. Leave the first plot untreated for a check on the treated plots. On the second spread lime alone, on the third lime and phosphate, on the fourth lime and manure, on the fifth manure alone, on the sixth manure and phosphate, on the seventh phosphate alone, and leave the eighth untreated for another check.

By this arrangement all the lime and all of the manure can be applied to the experimental plot in one continuous area. The phosphate alone must be applied to separate areas, and phosphate is the easiest to apply. A ton of ground limestone and 250 to 300 pounds of 16 per cent acid phosphate per acre is suggested unless the land is known to be very poor in lime, when two tons of ground limestone may be applied. In this outline no potash has been suggested. Potash plots can be inserted if desired, but over most of the clover area scarcity of phosphate is much more common than scarcity of potash, and by following the outline suggested here the farmer is likely to find which fertilizer is best to use. This outline illustrates the principle of definite experimentation and can be varied to suit the kind of information wanted.

### Three-Legged Sawhorse Is Useful Implement

There is a particular advantage in owning a sawhorse like the one shown when it is to be used out of doors. The ground is seldom level, and the horse with four legs tips back and forth when one attempts to use it, unless one leg is blocked, says a writer in *Successful Farming*.

The horse is made in the usual way, with the exception of one end. Here



A Three-legged Sawhorse.

a single leg made from a 4 by 4 supports the two. It is braced with a short piece as shown.

Fir is ideal for making this sawhorse because it is tough, firm and relatively light.

The third leg in no way prevents its use on floors and other level surfaces.

### Control of Corn Rot Is Aided by Crop Rotation

"Good seed, good soil and careful culture are required to meet the problem of corn rot," thinks M. T. Myers, who has been making a careful investigation of the corn-rot situation in Ohio.

Root rot and ear rot are caused by different organisms, he finds. The rot that attacks the roots comes from a spore that stays in the field from year to year. It winters over in stalks and other crop debris left in the fields, particularly fields that are low in fertility. Rotation of crops, thorough tillage and fertilizer are the most important weapons with which to fight this disease, Myers finds.

Ear rots, indicated by molds and discolorations ranging from pink through white, gray or brown at harvest time, are caused by spores carried in the wind. Careful seed selection and germination tests are the main line of defense against this disease.

### Agricultural Notes

It is safer not to farm at all than to farm half-way.

"Efficient" farming means producing high grade products at the lowest possible cost.

If you want to throw away money, leave stable manure exposed in the barnyard. Three months will slice \$25 from \$100 worth.

Many a hen and many an incubator have been blamed for a poor hatch, when the fault lay with the man who handled the eggs.

How would the man who lets his horses go three or four days without fresh bedding "cut up" if his wife went away for one night and took with her all the blankets?

### Says Engine Whistles Need to Be Improved

A whistle is only a whistle, but even a whistle is susceptible to improvement. Locomotive whistles in particular are open to criticism, according to Prof. Arthur L. Foley of Indiana University, says the New York World.

Professor Foley is head of the physics department and also of the Waterman Institute for Scientific Research at the university.

Professor Foley's objection to the present type of locomotive whistle is twofold. It criticizes both the tone and the position. His suggestion for improvements are based on discoveries made during a series of researches into sound intensity and cost of operation of many types of whistle. The article continues as follows:

The popular "chime" whistle, with its comparatively low-pitched notes, he maintains, is only about one-sixth as effective a warning as would be a high-pitched single note.

As for the position, Professor Foley contends that it's all wrong. The ordinary whistle has in front of it the smokestack, bell, steam dome and electric generator, not to speak of a blanket of hot gases.

The result is that its sound is broadcast to the sides of the track instead of directly ahead where it is desired. By altering the position and changing the note many lives could be saved.

Another factor against the chime type of whistle is its cost. According to Professor Foley's calculations it takes 2,434,026 tons of coal per year to utter the toots of the nation's engines.

The adoption of a shrill, single-tone whistle would effect, according to his figures, an annual saving in railroad coal bills of approximately \$5,000,000.

### Tact Makes an Honest Employee of a Thief

A salesgirl in a department store was caught stealing. The superintendent confronted her with the evidence and asked her to sign a confession. After she had done so, he sealed the confession in an envelope and put his own name on it.

"This goes into a strong box," he said, "and nobody but you and I will ever know about it—provided you do what I ask. First, I want your promise never to do it again and then I want to know just why you thought you must have more money." She told her story. There was sickness at home, and her need for money was not because of mere craving for luxuries. The superintendent sent her invalid sister to a hospital at the store's expense.

That was nine years ago, and the salesgirl is today not only one of the store's valuable employees but one of the most loyal. The little envelope has been burned long ago.—Nation's Business.

### Fate on Strange Career

The Paris courts report one of the most curious series of incidents yet laid before legal students in the case of a Paris woman who, on the occasion of two previous weddings, had lost her husband in an auto accident while en route home from the wedding ceremony. She recently married a third time and as the burial car was speeding home it collided with a vehicle and the third husband was killed in a manner almost identical with the fate of the first two. The courts took cognizance of the series of strange mishaps, because in the case of the second husband's death the woman asked damages.

### This One Doesn't Pucker

Persimmons are scheduled for a rise in popularity. At last a persimmon has been found which will not pucker the mouth no matter how green it is when eaten. It is the Fuyu persimmon, which the United States Department of Agriculture has introduced from Japan and predicts will become one of our leading varieties. The Fuyu has a beautiful golden orange color, is ideal for shipping and, what is more to the taste, is never astringent and can be eaten with enjoyment even when still hard.

### Eras of Time

The year 1924 corresponds to other reckonings as follows: 1342-3 of the Mohammedan era, the year 1343 beginning August 1; 4621 (nearly) of the Chinese era, beginning January 2; 2236 of the Grecian era; 5684-5 of the Jewish era, the year 5685 beginning September 28; 7433 of the Byzantine era, which begins September 1; 2584 of the Japanese era and 6037 of the Julian period.

### Some of Her Best Friends

Marjorie, aged six, shocked her mother by picking up the saucer in which she had had her strawberries and cream and licking it vigorously with her little pink tongue.

"Why, Marjorie!" reproved her mother. "What disgraceful manners! Whom have you ever seen doing that?"

"Dogs," said Marjorie curtly.—Youth's Companion.

### His Mite

Judge—Why did you offer resistance to the officer who was trying to arrest you?

Prisoner—Because, your honor, I didn't have anything else to offer him.—Chicago Tribune.

### Lagnappe

Cupid has less to do and more to regret than most gods.

Yesterday we scoffed at airships. Hard work has its good points, mostly calloused.—Richmond Times Dispatch.

### Right Materials to Reduce Potato Scab

Disease Has Been Cause of Serious Losses.

In view of the great tendency of scab to appear when the soil is alkaline, Dr. W. H. Martin, specialist in potato diseases at the New Jersey State College of Agriculture, suggests that the potato grower exercise caution in the use of alkaline materials such as lime and nitrate of soda.

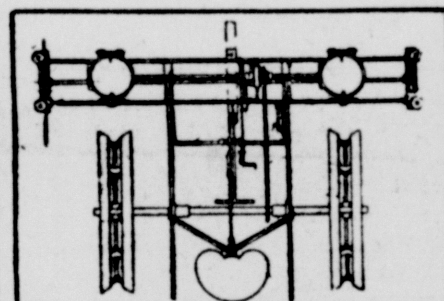
Potato scab has long been the cause of serious losses to the potato growers of the state. Although this disease was less severe than usual during the past season, few fields were observed to be entirely free from it. Many fields were observed where as much as 90 per cent of the crop was so scabby as to be unsalable. It is recognized that scab is usually most severe on an alkaline soil and that as the soil acidity is increased the severity of the scab attack decreases.

One instance was noticed recently by the potato specialists, where all of the nitrogen in a complete fertilizer was derived from nitrate of soda, with the result that a large portion of the crop was so scabby as to be unsalable. On this same farm, on land where sulphate of ammonia was used as a source of nitrogen, a considerable reduction in scab was observed.

The influence of ammonium sulphate and nitrate of soda in the development of scab is shown by the results of a test conducted in 1921. Where all nitrate of soda was used only 20 per cent of the crop was clean, as compared with 42 per cent where sulphate of ammonia was used. In view of these results the potato grower can well afford to give serious consideration to the question of source of nitrogen in his potato fertilizer and avoid the use of large amounts of nitrate of soda where scabby potatoes have been grown in the past. Further information on this subject may be obtained by writing to the New Jersey Agricultural experiment station at New Brunswick.

### Check Row Corn Planter Improved by Illinoisian

Check row corn planters came out first in the time of our grandfathers, but improvements are being made year by year, as inventors find something that needs improving. A Rock Island (Ill.) inventor has patented the parts of a planter described here. The front runner and rear frames are



Corn Planter.

hinged together, each check rower having a hinged part and a catch. A single flexible cord or cable extends from one to the other, and is supported on the front runner frame. A rock shaft is mounted on the rear main frame to swing vertically therewith. When rocked by the treadle, two cord-engaging elements on the rock shaft frame exert longitudinal tension on the end parts of the cords.

### Fertilizer Safe to Use on Land Not Fertilized

The safe use of fertilizer is not in continued applications of it to succeeding crops, but in occasional use and always on land not fertilized the year before. While one application increases the yield and quality of grain, the continued use of fertilizer is to exhaust the land and lose in the end more than we gain. Fertilizer is not a royal road to success, nor is it a substance for crop rotation or barnyard manure.

The chief benefit in its use on corn-belt soils is in the start it gives crops and consequent root system developed, enabling winter wheat to withstand a severe winter with nominal loss. The necessity of late sowing to avoid Hessian fly infestation gives wheat a late start. Where fertility is short, the plant has little root growth before frost checks growth entirely for the season. Fertilizer fits in in such a case, but not in continued use on the same land and crop.

### General Farm Hints

Guard rails in the pig pen keep the sow from mashing her young.

The only advantage of a scrub cow is that it doesn't take so long to milk her.

Grandpa says: Some men who complain about bad weather are still planting bad seed.

In some cases the egg-eating hen can only be cured by a dose of iron—applied with the hatchet.

By making repairs on machinery easier and better a farm shop soon results in less repairs to be made.

If the per cent of ammonia, phosphoric acid, and potash in a fertilizer does not total 14 per cent, buy something else. High-analysis fertilizers pay.

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### MELODY NIGHT

WEDNESDAY  
DOROTHY MACKAILL and  
JAMES RENNIE in

### "MIGHTY LAK' A ROSE"

There are smiles and laughter, too. While you wipe away a tear and feel the enchantment of this picture that will linger in your memory like the echo of an unforgettable song. Do you often wonder why certain pictures thrill you so deeply and linger in your memory and make you feel happier? This one does.  
Also NEWS Adm. 10c & 20c

### THURSDAY

GENEVIEVE TOBIN in  
"No Mother to Guide Her"  
A human drama of life's pitfalls. Also "FIGHTING BLOOD"  
No. 5 Adm. 10c & 20c

### FRIDAY

COLLEEN MOORE, MILTON SILLS, ELLIOT DEXER, SYLVIA BREMER & MYRTLE STEDMAN in

### "Flaming Youth"

How far can a girl go? She smoked cigarettes. She drank. She went to petting parties. She led the pace of the gayest life in the gayest of society. And yet she claimed to be respectable. The men liked her, but there were certain young men who were not seeking her as a wife. Why? she wondered. Had she gone too far? A startling expose of modern society. Also Comedy and Educational reel Frogland Adm. 15c & 35c Matinee 3:00 Adm. 10c & 30c

### SATURDAY

WILLIAM S. HART in  
"Wagon Tracks"  
Also "WAY OF A MAN"  
Matinee Adm. 10c & 20c  
Night Adm. 15c & 25c

COMING—RICHARD DIX IN  
"ICEBOUND"



## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS FROM MATTHEWS

Presiding Elder Johnson, and his daughter and Rev. S. Gouvette of Skeston were in Matthews Thursday evening to hold the quarterly conference. A fine sermon was preached by P. E. Johnson, which was very much enjoyed by the people who were in attendance. After services the conference was held.

W. H. Deane and G. F. Deane motored to New Madrid, Monday, on business.

Mr. and Mrs. George Arterburn and daughter, Mrs. Chester Limbaugh, of Skeston, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Critchlow, Sunday.

Mrs. Hessley returned to her home in Kentucky last week, after a few days visit with her sister, Mrs. J. W. Emory.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCarthy

and children and Miss Elrene Shelton of Skeston visited relatives in Matthews, Sunday.

Dr. J. F. Waters took John Gossitt to Cairo to the hospital last week for a thorough examination. Mr. Gossitt has been in bad health the past few months and seemed to be growing weaker. The doctors, after a thorough examination, stated he was in a very critical condition and the best of care must be taken of him. His many friends were sorry to hear of his condition, but are hoping for his recovery soon. Mr. Gossitt is well known over the vicinity and has lived in and around Matthews a long number of years.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Matthews and Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Boyer and little daughter of Skeston visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Weatherford, Sunday. Miss Ozetta Brumfield accompanied them home to spend the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lancaster of Kewanee visited their son, Homer Lan-

caster and family, Sunday.

Mrs. C. Patton and little son returned home Thursday from Skeston, where she has been several days visiting relatives.

Miss Dorothy Waters spent Friday evening in Skeston with Mr. and Mrs. Grover Heath.

Mrs. Grissom of East Prairie is visiting with her daughter, Mrs. J. W. Emory.

The tornado which swept over the country Friday night, did much damage around Matthews. A number of houses, barns, sheds, etc., were blown down and some people were killed. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sires, living about 5 or 6 miles southeast of Matthews came to their death by the storm. This elderly couple were working for Orbie Douthy and lived only a short distance from the Douthy family. It was reported that this family could hear Mr. and Mrs. Sires screaming during the storm. Just as soon as the storm ceased, Mr. and Mrs. Sires were taken to the Douthy home, where medical aid was summoned as soon as possible. Dr. Waters went and did all he could, but they were injured internally. Mr. Sires died at 7:00 a. m. Saturday and Mrs. Sires lived until 5:00 p. m. the following day. Their suffering must have been intense the number of hours they lived as they were in such condition. The house was torn to pieces. Their remains were conveyed to the Farrenburg church Sunday, where funeral services were conducted by Rev. Johnson. Interment was made in the Farrenburg cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Sires leave to mourn their death, two sons, John Sires of St. Louis and Berse Sires of this place and a host of friends and relatives.

Mrs. Frank Smotherman of St. Louis is visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roe Hill.

The Woman's Club will meet at the City Hall on Tuesday afternoon, April 9th.

Once more the straight-brim sailor hat returns. It is smaller than heretofore, in deference to the cloche and other small hat vogues, but it is definitely here as the ideal hat for the strictly tailored ensemble.

It is difficult to distinguish today the wrap-around dress from the wrap around coat in London. In fact, they are at times interchangeable, as in the case of a very fine gray twill fastening on only one hip, which may be worn as frock or top coat.

WANTED—Dress making and plain sewing. Have pleased some of the best people in and around Skeston and I can please you. New clothes made out of old. Prices reasonable. First door north M. E. Church, on Kingshighway. 4tpd. 1 issue w.

## Observing Arbor Day Is Big Event

Associated With Patriotic  
and Esthetic as Well as  
Economic Ideas.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Arbor day has become associated all over the United States with patriotic and esthetic as well as economic ideas. It is at once a means of doing practical good to the community and an incentive to civic betterment, says the United States Department of Agriculture. The planting of trees by school children is usually accompanied by ceremonies intended both to impress upon those present the beauty of trees and their effect in improving the appearance of school grounds, streets, parks and highways and to lead them to a realization of the value of community national foresight.

**Time of Observance Varies.**  
The time of observance of Arbor day varies greatly in different states and countries, being determined somewhat by the climatic conditions. Sometimes a day which is already a holiday is selected, as in Alabama and Texas, where Washington's birthday has been chosen. In many states of the Union it is combined with "bird day." In general the date is early in the year in the South and is set further along toward summer in the more northern states, beginning in February and ending in May. More than half the states have enacted a law for the observance of that day.

Planting of trees on Arbor day can provide a direct economic resource only in comparatively treeless regions or where windbreaks and timber and fuel for the home and neighborhood use are needed. Forest plantations, whose chief purpose is the raising of timber for commercial use or the protection of watersheds upon which cities and towns depend for their water supply, must be left to foresters. However, yearly plantings accompanied by appropriate exercises serve to keep the people continually reminded of the value and necessity of the work of the foresters, and they have such a far-reaching effect on the community spirit, and through that on economic and social betterment, that no community can afford to neglect Arbor day.

**Teach Important Lesson.**  
An even more important lesson—the damage done to our natural parks and woods by the thoughtless and selfish vandal—may be taught through a judicious observance of the day. What fire is to the forest, this marauder is to the community park and woodlands in the destruction of ornamental trees and shrubs. The national and state governments are using every possible means to educate the public in the care of the forest, whose relation to the welfare of man is becoming more and better understood with every passing year of education and co-operation.

## Keeping Silo Doors in Place While Emptying

A large percentage of farm silos have removable doors. As they are taken out when feeding the silage they are sometimes dropped to the bottom and put in the barn or piled somewhere for safe keeping.

As the doors are taken out I find it far better to stick the top door under the eaves somewhere and then as each door comes out slip it in the opening above, says an Ohio writer in Successful Farming. When the silo is empty, the doors are all in place. This helps to hold the empty silo rigid while it is empty. Empty silos are the ones affected by heavy winds. In filling the silo the replacing is reversed so that when the top is reached the last door is under the roof just where you want it.

This saves a lot of bother during filling, as many farmers fasten each door on a rope and haul it up the chute as the silo fills up. Tramping silage keeps it lots more than pulling doors.

## Alfalfa Is One of Most Profitable Farm Crops

Where the soil is suitable for alfalfa, it is one of the most profitable crops for the stockman, the diversified farmer, or the cotton farmer, and where possible, every farm should have an alfalfa patch, the size to be governed by the amount of hay and pasturage needed to maintain the live stock kept on the farm. Many have been discouraged because some writer would have one think that its requirements are such as to exclude the average dirt farmer. By following a few simple suggestions any farmer can tell whether his soil is suited to grow alfalfa, and should the soil be suited, he can, by carefully observing a few points, grow it successfully and with profit to himself.

## Reduction Made in Cost by Using Very Best Seed

If farmers had to use the seed generally grown fifty years ago, many of them would be bankrupt and the remainder would be producing crops at 40 per cent greater cost than at the present time. Likewise it would be possible to make a further reduction of 15 per cent by using today the very best seed of varieties known to be adapted to our conditions. These statements are based on figures compiled by the Kansas State Agricultural college in which seed such as was used in early days has been compared with varieties generally grown at the present time.

# THANK YOU!

As long as the tide in our lives roll on, we sincerely hope our common sense and decency will cause us to say "THANK YOU" for a favor.

For if we scatter the seeds of "THANK YOU" about us, some of these seeds are bound to grow up and bear good fruit.


Last September, when we opened HARDWICK'S ECONOMY CENTER, we solicited the patronage of the residents of Skeston and vicinity, pledging in return a policy of "Quality, Values and Service."

To those friends who so generously responded and helped to build this successful business in so short a period, we want to announce that we have transferred our interests in it to Mr. H. A. Hill and Mrs. Adelaide Stewart, who will operate the store under the name of H. and S. Economy Store, Mr. Hill, the manager, who has been with us for some time, will unquestionably strive to maintain in the business those three essentials on which it was originally founded: Quality, Values, Service.

In expressing our appreciation for your patronage and good will, we believe in all sincerity that education, eloquence and zeal cannot reach your heart as can the little short sentence—"THANK YOU."

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Several exceptional values in used Fords.  
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## The People of Skeston Will Be Interested in Knowing that the ELECTRIK MAID BAKE SHOP

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**SATURDAY, APRIL 5th**

With a full line of *Wholesome, Nutritious Bread, Delicious Pies and Rolls, Tasty Pastries* of all kinds, all baked fresh by electricity in surroundings as clean as your own kitchen.

Be on hand early and see for yourself the care we use in preparing these delicious bakery goods for you. Note the excellent materials used and—

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## DAVIS WILL NOT TRY POLITICAL TRICKERY

Washington, March 31.—John W. Davis, former ambassador to Great Britain, whose availability for the Democratic nomination for president has been widely discussed, has written a friend in the Senate rejecting any suggestion that he drop his present legal connections in order to strengthen his political position.

"Any lawyer who surrenders his independence by trimming his professional course to fit the gusts of popular opinion in my judgment not only dishonors himself, but degrades his great profession," the letter said. "I tell you in candor that I would not pay this price for any honor in the gift of man."

Any home can have music. Have our salesman explain.—Lairs.

A Mah Jong Club was organized at the home of Miss Elizabeth Welch Wednesday evening. The Club will meet every Thursday night at the home of the members. The members are: Misses Françoise Black, Irene Cox, Dorothy Miller, Lillian Kendall, Elizabeth Welch, Mrs. Carl Freeman and Mrs. Chester Limbaugh. Their next meeting place will be at the home of Miss Françoise Black, Thursday evening of next week.

## Round Steaks That Are Good!

Even the cheaper cuts of meat from this Shop are to be desired, for none but the best cattle is purchased by us.

You'll appreciate the quality as well as the service we offer.

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## ONE OF BIGGEST FILMS OF THE YEAR COMING

"Black Oxen", a Frank Lloyd production, released through First National Pictures, and featuring Corinne Griffith and Conway Tearle, is to be the photoplay offering at the Malone Theatre, Monday and Tuesday and the booking is looked upon as one of the big cinema events of the season.

The best selling novel of 1923, in book form "Black Oxen" is said to have been greatly enhanced by the elaborate filming. Mr. Lloyd has given it. Dealing with the romance that develops when the rejuvenated Madame Zatianny returns to America on a business trip and finds the first true love she has known, "Black Oxen" presents more than usual interest to picturegoers, it is said. Mr. Lloyd, with the aid of Mary O'Hara, prepared the scenario from which the film play was made, and as a result, critics state, the story runs its length with pleasing rapidity and increasing

Corinne Griffith, regarded as one of filmdom's most beautiful and smartest dressed stars, essays the difficult dual character of Madame Zatianny, and Conway Tearle has been cast as the rambleless newspaper writer, Lee Clavering. Clara Bow, a 17-year-old girl who but recently made her screen debut, was selected for the role of the flapperish Janet Oglethorpe from more than fifty well known screen ingenues and established upper types; Alan Hale is seen as Prince Monriz von Hohenhauer; Kate Lester, as Jane Oglethorpe; Harry Mestayer, as Jim Oglethorpe; Claire MacDowell, as Agnes Trevor; Clarissa Selwynne, as Gora Dwight; Tom Guise, as Judge Trent, and Lincoln Stedman, as Donnie Ferren, who had a weakness for parties and an utter disregard for Mr. Volstead and his ideas.

"Black Oxen" will be given a fitting presentation here, an elaborate musical and short reel program having been arranged to accompany the screening of the celebrated drama.



## SEEDS and SPRING

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Sudan Grass the first of April. Lawn lime and fertilizer, Dixie hen and chick feeds, Mashies, etc. Grits, Charcoal and louse powders.

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## Easter Hats

of latest design and to fit every pocketbook. Get your while the selection is good.

ELITE HAT SHOP

### Coolidge and Hyde Indorsed

Poplar Bluff, April 2.—Republicans of the Fourteenth Congressional District, in convention here yesterday, selected two delegates and two alternates to the Republican National Convention and indorsed one presidential elector. The outstanding fact of the meeting was the unanimous Coolidge sentiment. The Hyde element of the party was so decidedly in the saddle that there was no strength of opposition.

The delegates are, James A. Finch, of New Madrid, and Mrs. Sallie J. Adams, of Ava. They were instructed for Coolidge and Hyde, for presidency and vice-presidency, respectively, but uninstructed as to their other choices. Finch and Mrs. Adams, in an interview following the convention, expressed themselves as favoring Dr. Clements of Macon for member of the National Committee, and Mrs. Grace Semple Burlingham of St. Louis as national committee-woman. R. M. Hitt of Koshkonong was indorsed for presidential elector.

R. L. Ward of Caruthersville was in Sikeston, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Finley were guests of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Byrd, of Charleston.

Mrs. Robt. Law entertained several of her friends with a Bridge party at her home Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Joe Howlett and Mrs. W. T. Marshall of Charleston, who spent Thursday with Mrs. Moore Greer, motored to Risco, where they spent the week-end with Mrs. Howlett's daughter, Miss Martha, who is teaching school there.

Madame Colby, a most charming lady, comes to Sikeston as a representative of Richard Hudnut, of New York. She is devoting her time while here to entertaining the ladies of our city and interesting them in the art of facial beautifying. She shows the value of using the best face powders and other toilet articles. Madame Colby is a beauty expert, having spent years in Italy fitting herself for her work. She is so well known in the line that her services are eagerly sought by patrons of the firm she represents. She is receiving a most cordial welcome and many ladies are learning "the art preservative", which puts the bloom of youth on the faces of all women alike regardless of years. This is a rare opportunity which is offered by Hudnuts to Sikeston, and the ladies of our city are urged to come and see Madame Colby during her stay with us, the week of April 7 to 12.

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL FROM NEW MADRID

W. A. Welch of Sikeston made a business trip to New Madrid last Saturday.

Mrs. R. E. Anderson and daughter left Friday for San Antonio, Texas, where her husband has a position with an electrical company. En route, she will visit her sister, Miss Julia Griffith at Shreveport, La. She was accompanied as far as Blytheville by her mother, Mrs. Mary Griffith, who spent a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Oscar Wilkinson and family.

Attorney E. F. Sharp and C. M. Barnes of Marston spent Monday in New Madrid on business.

M. F. Ehlers returned Sunday from Kansas City, where he spent the week on business.

Mrs. E. A. Loud and daughters, Misses Gladys and Eddy, were Cape Girardeau visitors last Saturday.

Judge and Mrs. James A. Finch were Sikeston visitors last Monday.

Harry Powers of Memphis arrived the first of the week on a visit to his mother, Mrs. Georgeetta Powers, and sister, Mrs. E. A. Loud and family.

A terrific wind storm struck New Madrid last Friday, shortly after midnight. No damage was in the city limits. A tenant house occupied by colored people by the name of Gray, was completely demolished.

The house was blown over the fence and turned over a couple of times, and caught fire, burning the woman. It was thought she was killed by a machine and the heavy timbers of the house, under which she was pinned, before the house was afire. All were dazed, but the son managed to drag his father and another man out of the house. The outbuildings of W. D. Howard were completely wrecked. The roof from the porch of the house, occupied by Clay Scott, owned by Mrs. M. V. Frances, was blown off, considerable damage was done to the furniture, but none of the family injured. A small house on the farm of Mrs. Annie Phillips was blown away, also one on the place owned by W. D. Knott, was damaged.

L. B. Howard and son, J. H. Howard and Luke B. Howard, Jr., and A. F. Moore motored to Jackson Sunday and spent the day.

Mrs. Herman Wilfron and daughter, Jeanett, of Mexico, and Mrs. R. Brenner and little daughter of Clarksville, Tenn., are guests of their father, M. Frankle, of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Barkevitz and daughter, Miss Annie, and son, Robert of Portageville, were Sunday guests at the Frankle home last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Post of Parma were business visitors in New Madrid Monday.

Atty. Geo. H. Traylor attended Court in Poplar Bluff this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Miles entertained Monday evening with a farewell party, complimentary to Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Humphreys. The house was prettily decorated with Easter flowers and the color scheme of yellow and white were carried out in the delicious refreshments of ice cream and cake. Those who enjoyed the evening playing Rook were: Rev. and Mrs. Humphreys, Mr. and Mrs. John Riley, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Stepp, Supt. and Mrs. A. M. Shaw, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Buesching, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Ehlers, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Loud, Profs. F. R. Harrison and Woodyard, Mesdames Fannie Fine, Ida Stepp and James A. Finch, Miss Mables Mecklem and Miss Nancy Mecklem.

Wm. Meatte, Olin Penninger, Harrison Chamber and Pink Wright were making whiskey in the woods near Little River, four miles west of Marston, last Thursday. Friday night, Meatte missed 5 gallons and accused them stealing it and shot and killed Penninger and shot the arm off of Chambers. Meatte is out on \$10,000 bond to appear at a preliminary trial before R. L. Terry, at New Madrid, April 5.

Misses Catherine Finch, Florence and Alice Crisler, Nan Riley, Abigail Rickus, Itelle Fakes, Helen Hart, Mesdames A. T. Henry and Jas. A. Finch, Prof. F. R. Harrison, Walker Reeves, John Ehlers and Herman Crisler attended the Methodist Young Peoples Convention at Benton Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Prof. Harrison was elected President of the Convention for the ensuing year and Florence Crisler, Secretary.

Mrs. L. G. Mendenhouser and boys are in St. Louis for a month's visit.

Atty. G. H. Traylor, Wm. B. Finch and Mr. and Mrs. James A. Finch attended the Republican Convention at Poplar Bluff Tuesday. Judge Finch was elected a delegate from this District to the National Convention to be held at Cleveland, O. Homer Lynn and family of Charleston spent several hours in New Madrid, Saturday.

Judge W. L. Stacy and wife, accompanied by W. A. Goodpasture of Sikeston, visited Mrs. Stacy's sister, Mrs. Sarah Stepp, Sunday.

The following were elected in the City election: Mayor, S. L. Hunter, Jr.; Collector, L. A. Richards; Marshal, Sanders Hampton; Alderman 1st Ward, J. W. Newsum; 2nd Ward, Peter Smith; 3rd Ward, W. D. Knott; W. N. O'Bannon and D. B. Riley were elected School Directors.

### Washington Spy Service

Armies of private detectives have been built up in the Treasury Department, the Postoffice Department and above all in the Department of Justice. Such organizations are wholly undesirable even when devoted to the public service. \* \* \* It is an employment which attracts an inferior personnel in the first place, and debauches even them; and it gains no results worth having which could not be achieved in other ways. Unfortunately, this objection is far from being the worst. There is every reason to believe that the spy system of the Government has been used in the attempt to hamper the investigations, now in progress, of corruption in high places. \* \* \* New members of Congress are shadowed for weeks after their first arrival in Washington. Rooms in the Congressional office buildings are entered at night and rifled. Important papers mysteriously disappear. Telephone wires are tapped. An atmosphere such as this generates a moral miasma. Honest men, with nothing to conceal, are cowed and terrorized by the fear that evidence of wrongdoing will be trumped up against them. The greatest task in generations now confronts the American people: the task of turning out the whole rotten crew who, like rats in a palace, have ensconced themselves in the executive branch of the Federal government. Getting rid of the spies, the whole lot of them, is one of the most important parts of that task.—New Republic.

Leslie Pate of Charleston was a visitor in Sikeston, Tuesday.

E. J. Keith is spending a few days at Union, Mo., looking after the interest of his farm here.

W. B. Guess and daughter have returned from a several days visit with relatives at Havana, Mo.

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## ANNOUNCEMENT

We wish to announce to our friends and customers that Mrs. Adelaide Stewart has purchased the interest of Mr. S. B. Hardwick in Hardwick's "Economy Center" and that hereafter the store will be known as the H. and S. Economy Store.

We are indeed sorry to lose Mr. Hardwick, but we shall endeavor to retain his spirit in the business by giving you service as well as merchandise.

Mr. Hill, who has been a partner in the store almost since it opened, will continue as manager, and his close association with Mr. Hardwick will enable him to continue the policies of the old firm.

We wish to thank our friends for their patronage in the past and it has been a pleasure to please you and we assure you we shall do everything in our power to serve you in the future.

H AND S  
Economy Store

### TWO MEN SHOT NEAR LILBOURN LAST FRIDAY

Word was received here a few days ago of a serious shooting affair which occurred last Friday afternoon near Lilbourn, where Bill Meatte, a well known New Madrid county citizen maintained a hunting and trapping camp. A man named Penninger was instantly killed, one named Chambers was wounded about the neck and shoulders and Pink Wright and a man named Shaffer ran for it and got away.

The men were caught by Meatte in the act of taking meat from his smoke house, according to Meatte's story. He has maintained a camp there on the upper part of Little River for several years, where he has hunted and trapped for a living. Recently he has suspected these men of taking his supplies and when they visited his camp Friday afternoon he laid a trap for them by leaving the premises and stating he would be away looking after certain traps, etc., perhaps the rest of the afternoon. He returned in a short time, however, and crept up unknown to the visitors, finding them in the act of taking his meat. He opened fire on them with a shot gun, according to our information, with the result above stated. Chambers will probably recover.

After the shooting Meatte called to a neighbor and asked him to remain in charge and see that the bodies nor anything else were disturbed, and he went to Marston, where he surrendered to a deputy sheriff and asked him to come back and survey the scene of the killing, where also later the inquest was held. Meatte is now being held in jail at New Madrid, awaiting preliminary hearing.

The men who were shot are members of the gang who are said to be outlaws or at the best of low repute, and there seems to be little doubt they had been preying off of Meatte for some time. The latter is a man of probably fifty years and has borne a good reputation so far as being law abiding and peaceable is concerned, we are advised. He has a son at Lilbourn in the grocery business, but this comprises all his family so far as we can learn.—Caruthersville Democrat.

The Sikeston Standard, \$1.50 year.

Mrs. Summers of Canolou is the guest of Mrs. R. D. Baker, on Trotter street.

The W. B. A. Camp Club girls here will be entertained with a dinner dance by the Marston W. B. A. Camp Club Girls at Marston Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Derris and family, Mrs. A. C. Etzel and Mrs. Glenn Fish motored to Birds Point, Sunday.

The Music Club met Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. J. W. Black. Their next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. S. P. Britte.

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Free Demonstration  
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Juanita Baking Powder  
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